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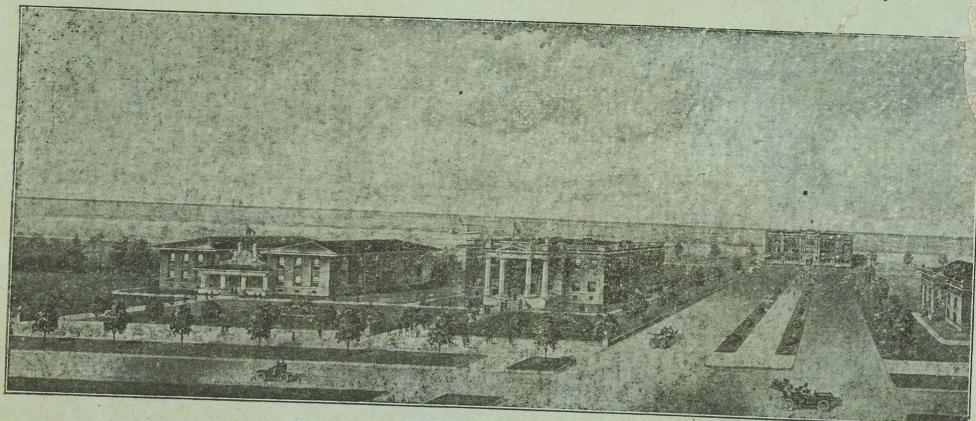
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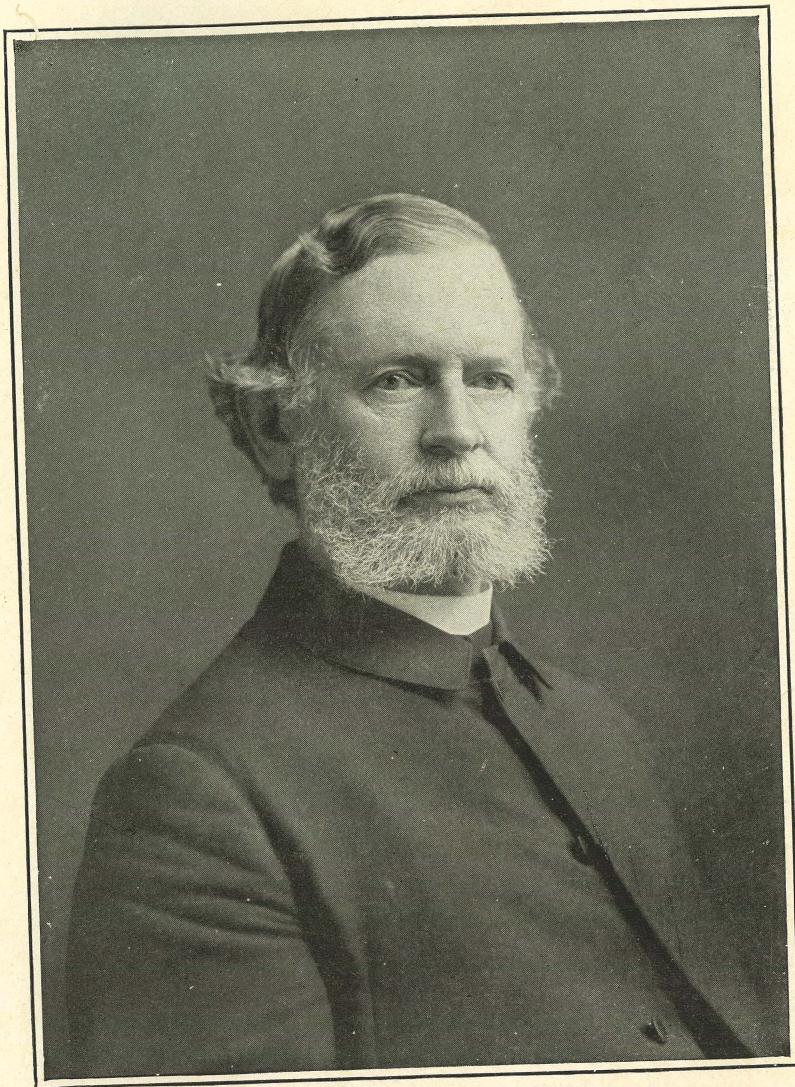
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YEAR	NAME	NATIVITY.	ADDRESS	YEAR.
1902	Basket, J. R....	Tennessee	Lake Charles, La.	2
1908	Bolton, Wm. F....	Louisiana	Vivian, La.....	1
1904	Carruth, J. A....	Mississippi	Texas City, Tex.	1
	Crawford, R. L....	Louisiana		
1879	Deaton, B. F....	Tennessee		Super'ary
1908	Duplantis, J. C....	Louisiana	New Orleans, La. 1537 Calliope St.	1
1907	Faulk, John W....	Louisiana	Estherwood, La.	1
1907	Germ ny, W. H....	Mississippi	Overton, Tex....	1
1902	Harrison, W. E....	Louisiana	Meridian, Miss.	
1903	Hervey, J. W....	Texas	Hughes Springs.	2
1900	Hines, G. B....	Texas	New Orleans, La.	2
			1537 Calliope St.	
1897	Houck, E. R....	Illinois	Jennings, La.....	2
1859	King, Cyrus A....	Maine	Lake Charles, La.	Super'ate
1908	LaGrone J. W....	Texas	Port Arthur, Tex	3
1898	Lively, John W....	Arkansas	Marshall, Texas.	Super'ate
1902	Mann, W. C....	Texas	Shreveport, La...	4
1902	May, Louis....	Louisiana	Crowley, La.....	4
1900	McCain, Hy. H....	Louisiana	Lake Charles, La.	3
1908	McClure, R. O....	Kentucky	Lutcher, La.....	1
1891	Oliver, N. H....	Pennsylvania	Longleaf, La.....	Super'ary
1907	Pynes, R. T....	Alabama	Atlanta, Texas..	1
1898	Sayers, N. L....	Pennsylvania	Kinder, La.....	1
1908	Simpson, F. M....	Mississippi	Harleton, Tex...	1
1908	Smith, R. R....	Texas	Woodville, Tex..	1
1905	Swanson, T. F....	Texas	DeRidder, La...	1
1900	VanVolkin- burgh, F. D....	New York	New Orleans, La.	Super'ate
1904	Webb, Thos. E....	Tennessee	Welsh, La.....	1
1905	Weldon, R. L....	Louisiana	Marshall, Texas.	3
1871	Wilson, Thomas	Ireland	Sabine Pass, Tex	Super'ate
1898	Woodson, Julian	Tensessee	Jefferson, Tex...	Super'ate

Probationers

YEAR	NAME	NATIVITY	ADDRESS	YEAR
FOURTH YEAR.				
1907	Cassells, D. H..	Mississippi	Gloster, Miss...	1
1907	Faulk, J. W....	Louisiana	Estherwood, La.	1
1907	Germany, W. H.	Mississippi	Overton, Tex...	1
1907	Pynes, R. T....	Alabama	Atlanta, Tex....	1
THIRD YEAR.				
1908	Bolton, Wm. F..	Louisiana	Vivian, La.....	1
1908	Duplantis, J. C..	Louisiana	New Orleans, La.	
			1537 Calliope St.	1
1908	LaGrone, J. W..	Texas	Port Authur, Tex.	3
1908	McClure, R. O..	Kentucky	Lutcher, La.....	1
1908	Simpson, F. M..	Mississippi	Harleton, Tex...	1
1908	Smith, R. R. .	Texas	Woodville, Tex.	1
1905	Swanson, T. F..	Texas	DeRidder, La...	1
SECOND YEAR.				
1907	Elliott, C. L....	Ireland	Chattanooga, Ten	In School
1909	Ferguson, E. A.		Mt. Vernon, Ill..	2
1908	Farr, M. A.....	Arkansas	Marthaville, La..	2
1907	Harper, Geo. L..	Mississippi	Elton, La.....	1
FIRST YEAR.				
1910	Beadle, J. H....	Louisiana	Rosedale, La....	1
1908	Edwards, S. W..	Mississippi	Jayuya, P. R....	Miss'ary
1910	Ensign, F. J....		LaPorte, Tex....	1
1910	Faulk, H. K....	Louisiana	Gloster, Miss....	1
1908	Hayes, Daniel..	Louisiana	DeQuincey, La...	1
1910	Kenna, J. B....	Mississippi	Shelbyville, Tex.	1
1909	Watkins, F. G...	England		
1909	Zito, F.	Italy	New Orleans, La.	2

Conference Chronology.

GULF MISSION.

YEAR	TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1893..	Jan. 19.	Jennings, La....	E. G. Andrews..	C. K. Woodson
1894..	Jan. 25.	Lake Charles, La.	J. M. Walden..	C. K. Woodson
1895..	Jan. 24.	Crowley, La....	Thos. Bowman..	C. K. Woodson
1896..	Jan. 23.	Jennings, La....	J. N. FitzGerald..	C. K. Woodson

GULF MISSION CONFERENCE.

1897..	Jan. 21.	Jennings, La....	J. M. Walden..	C. K. Woodson
1898..	Feb. 3..	Crowley, La....	W. X. Ninde..	C. K. Woodson
1899..	Feb. 2..	Lake Charles, La.	S. M. Merrill..	C. K. Woodson
1900..	Feb. 1..	Marshall, Texas..	I. W. Joyce..	L. W. Elkins
1901..	Jan. 17	Jennings, La....	H. W. Warren..	C. W. Campbell
1902..	Jan 30	Lake Charles, La.	C. D. Foss....	C. W. Campbell
1903..	Feb. 3.	Port Arthur, Tex.	W. F. Mallalieu..	C. C. Morris

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1904..	Feb. 4..	Hughes Springs,	W. F. Mallalieu..	John Paul
1905..	Feb. 2.	Gloster, Miss....	H. Spellmeyer.....	F. F. Fitch
1905..	Dec. 1..	Welsh, La.....	L. B. Wilson....	W. E. Harrison
1906..	Nov. 15	Marshall, Texas..	L. B. Wilson....	J. R. Basket
1907..	Dec. 19	Jennings, La....	William Burt....	J. R. Basket
1908..	Dec. 17	Lake Charles, La.	Wm. A. Quayle..	J. R. Basket
1909..	Dec. 16	Port Arthur, Tex.	T. B. Neely....	J. R. Basket
1910..	Dec. 15	Welsh, La.....	T. B. Neely....	H. H. McCain

Standing Committees

American Bible Society.

Louis May, F. M. Simpson and Geo. L. Harper

Book Concern and Periodicals.

J. C. Duplantis, W. H. Germany and Hy. H. McCain.

Home Mission and Church Extension.

E. R. Houck, T. F. Swanson and R. L. Weldon.

Education.

R. O. McClure, J. C. Duplantis and J. B. Kenna.

Freedman's Aid Society.

Thos. E. Webb, R. T. Pynes and Dr. C. A. King.

Epworth League.

F. J. Ensign, W. E. Germany and N. L. Sayers.

Foreign Missions.

Hy. H. McCain, J. W. Faulk and R. R. Smith.

Standing Committees...Continued

Episcopal Fund.

The District Superintendents.

Conference Relations.

J. A. Carruth, Hy. H. McCain and R. L. Weldon.

General Qualifications.

E. R. Houck, Hy. H. McCain and J. W. Lively.

Auditing.

R. O. McClure, R. T. Pynes and W. F. Bolton.

Public Worship.

The Pastor and District Superintendents.

Resolutions.

E. R. Houck, N. L. Sayers and Louis May.

Sabbath Observance.

Hy. H. McCain, J. H. Beadle and C. V. Wilkinson.

State of the Church.

J. W. LaGrone, Dr. C. A. King and Julian Woodson.

Sunday Schools.

R. O. McClure, T. F. Swanson and B. T. Bell.

Temperance.

J. W. LaGrone, J. W. Lively and Francisco Zito.

Connectional Funds.

Dr. C. A. King, J. W. Lively and J. A. Carruth.

Publishing Minutes.

The Secretaries.

Conference Boards

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Dr. C. A. King, president; W. C. Mann, J. W. Hervey, G. B. Hines, J. R. Basket, Geo. M. King, Treasurer; W. E. Cline, Secretary; G. B. Woolman, E. C. Willard and F. R. Jaenke.

Board of Foreign Missions.

The District Superintendents: Jas. R. Basket, G. B. Hines, W. C. Mann and Jas. W. Hervey.

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Southern District: Thos. E. Webb, Welsh, La.

New Orleans District: Haughton K. Faulk, Gloster, Miss.

North Louisiana District: Wm. F. Bolton, Vivian, La.

East Texas District: Willis H. Germany, Overton, Tex.

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Sunday School Superintendents.

Southern District: W. E. Cline, Lake Charles, La.

New Orleans District: Dr. R. A. Fuller, New Orleans, La.

Flint Medical College.

North Louisiana District: J. M. Taylor, Leesville, La.

East Texas District: Frank E. Marsh, Marshall, Tex.

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Southern District: Hy. H. McCain, Lake Charles, La.

New Orleans District: G. B. Hines, 1537 Calliope St. New Orleans, La.

North Louisiana District: Thos. F. Swanson, DeRidder, La.

East Texas District: Willis H. Germany, Overton, Tex.

Stewards.

Dr. C. A. King, Hy. H. McCain, Jas. W. Hervey, Geo. B. Hines, W. C. Mann, Jas. R. Basket, E. R. Houck and John A. Carruth.

Executive Board of Stewards.

Dr. C. A. King, President and Treasurer; Hy. H. McCain, Secretary; W. E. Cline, G. B. Woolman, H. E. Buck, W. P. Dunn and O. C. Stanton

Educational Commission

G. B. Hines, W. C. Mann, J. W. Hervey, J. R. Basket, H. H. McCain, W. E. Cline, John F. Cassells and J. W. LaGrone.

Conference Boundaries.

Jas. W. Hervey, Judson W. LaGrone and Thos. E. Webb.

Examiners.

W. C. Mann, President; Thos. E. Webb, Registrar; Jas. R. Basket, J. W. Hervey, G. B. Hines, Hy. H. McCain, E. R. Houck, J. A. Carruth and R. L. Weldon.

THE JOURNAL

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1910.

The eighth session of the Gulf Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Welsh, La., on Thursday, December 15th, 1910, at 8:30 a. m., Bishop Thomas B. Neely, presiding.

Opening Service.—Devotional services were conducted by the Bishop. “A charge to keep I have” and “Did Christ O’re sinners weep” were sung after which the Bishop administered the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, assisted by G. B. Hines, J. W. Hervey, Jas. R. Basket and W. C. Mann, the District Superintendents.

Roll Call: Jas. R. Basket, Secretary of the last conference, called the roll, the following being present: Jas. R. Basket, John A. Carruth, W. H. Germany, J. W. Faulk, J. W. Hervey, G. B. Hines, E. R. Houck, Dr. C. A. King, J. W. Lively, W. C. Mann, Louis May, Hy. H. McCain, R. T. Pynes, N. L. Sayers, Thos. E. Webb, R. L. Weldon, Thos. F. Swanson, W. F. Bolton, J. C. Duplantis, J. W. LaGrone, R. O. McClure, Reese R. Smith, F. M. Simpson, Francisco Zito.

Secretary: On motion of Jas. R. Basket, Hy. H. McCain was elected secretary; and on his motion, W. H. Germany and R. O. McClure were elected as his assistants.

Statistician: On motion of W. C. Mann, Robert L. Weldon was elected Statistician; and on his nomination, E. R. Houck and J. B. Kenna were elected as his assistants.

Treasurer: On motion of G. B. Hines Thos. E. Webb was elected Treasurer; and on his motion Judson W. LaGrone and Frank J. Ensign were elected as his assistants.

Conference Postmaster.—On motion of J. A. Carruth, Louis May was elected Conference Postmaster and Thos. F. Swanson as his assistant.

Railroad Secretary: On motion, N. L. Sayers was elected Railroad Secretary.

Methodist Review: On Motion, Louis May was elected agent for the Methodist Review.

Bar of the Conference: The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first three front rows of seats; and all probationers were granted the privilege of a seat within the bar.

Time of Sessions: Devotion 8:30 a. m.; 9 a. m. business; and 11:45 a. m. adjournment.

Reporters for Papers: On motion E. R. Houck was elected reporter for the Central Christian Advocate; Jas. R. Basket, for

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the Methodist Advocate Journal; G. B. Hines, for the New Orleans papers; J. W. LaGrone, for the Beaumont Enterprise and Houston Post; and Hy. H. McCain, for the Lake Charles American-Press.

Standing Committees: Jas R. Basket for the District Superintendents, nominated the following Standing Committees, (see list): American Bible Society, Book Concern and Periodicals, Home Missions and Church Extension, Education, Freedman's Aid Society, Epworth League, Foreign Missions, Episcopal Fund, Conference Relations, General Qualifications, Auditing, Public Worship, Resolutions, Sabbath Observance, State of the Church, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Connectional Fund and Publishing Minutes.

Communications.—A communication concerning the Episcopal Fund which was read by the Secretary showed no deficiency; and also, a communication of some length from the same committee detailed the great and prosperous business of the Book Concern. This communication was heard with much joy. The Bishop spoke of the beneficial work of this great interest of the church.

Superanuates' Fund.—The Bishop announced the dividend from the Chartered Fund to be \$25; and from the Book Concern to be \$245, which on motion were ordered paid to Dr. C. A. King, Treas. Con. Board of Stewards. Draft of \$150 was also announced from the Board of Conference Claimants which was made payable to the Treasurer of the Conference, this was also placed with Dr. King as the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards.

Introductions.—Mr. S. H. Thompson, business manager of the Methodist Advocate Journal and agent of the Book Concern, was introduced. Dr. Thompson spoke on the importance of our church publications; and particularly of an organ for the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South.

Question Fourteen.—Was the character of each preacher examined. This was strictly done as the following effective Elders were called: Jas. R. Basket, J. A. Carruth, W. E. Harrison, J. W. Hervey, G. B. Hines, E. R. Houck, J. W. Lively, W. C. Mann, Louis May, Hy. H. McCain, N. L. Sayers and T. E. Webb.

Reports.—Geo. B. Hines of the New Orleans District was called and reported his work. (See report).

Jas. R. Basket of the Southern District was called and reported his work. (See report).

W. C. Mann of the North Louisiana District was called and reported his work. (See report).

Jas W. Hervey of the East Texas District was called and reported his work. (See report).

The reports having indicated substantial progress and being so full of promise, the Conference sang the long meter Doxology standing; after which the Bishop gave an encouraging address on

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the progress and outlook for our work in the Gulf Conference. On motion of W. H. Germany, a vote of thanks was extended to Bishop Neely for his manifest interest in our work, which was voiced by addresses given by G. B. Hines and J. W. Lively, after which the secretary put the motion which was carried unanimously by a rising vote.

On motion of W. H. Germany, the reports of the District Superintendents were ordered printed in the minutes.

Question Fifteen.—Who have been transferred and to what Conferences? William R. Chase to the North Ohio Conference.

Question Sixteen.—Who have died? Answered, none.

Question One.—Is this Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the Disciplines? Answered, yes.

Question Twenty-Three.—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? Answered, Dr. C. A. King, H. N. Oliver and B. F. Deaton.

Dr. C. A. King expressed a desire for a change to the Superanuate relation for health reasons, he was, on motion, granted that relation. N. H. Oliver was, on motion, continued in the Supernumerary relation. Jas. R. Basket, District Superintendent, reported in the case of B. F. Deaton, that a preliminary investigation into his moral character as ordered by the last Annual Conference, made the appointment of a committee of trial necessary and the following committee was appointed: Dr. C. A. King, E. R. Houck, J. W. Hervey, W. C. Mann, G. B. Hines, T. E. Webb, Hy. H. McCain, N. L. Sayers and J. W. Lively. R. T. Pynes was appointed council for the church with R. O. McClure as his assistant, and R. L. Weldon was appointed to represent the defendant with J. W. LaGrone as assistant.

Question Twenty-Four.—Who are the Superanuated Preachers? Answered, Thos. Wilson, Julian Woodson and F. D. VanVolkinburgh. On motion they were continued in same relation.

Error.—Louis May called attention to a chronological error in the matter of the date of his admission, which was corrected.

Extension of Time.—Time for adjournment having arrived, G. B. Hines moved and it was carried that the time be extended.

Announcements.—The Secretary called the roll of the committees and appointment was made for the meeting of each.

The pastor made the announcements, after which the benediction was pronounced by J. W. Hervey.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, DECEMBER, 16th, 1910.

Opening Devotion.—N. L. Sayers led the devotions, announcing as the Hymn, "Rock of Ages Cleft for Me"; Reading from Psalms 42 and 43 for the Scripture lesson; prayer being offered by Dr. C. A. King and Chas. H. LaGrone.

Address.—Bishop Thos. B. Neely spoke on "How to Keep in Touch with Church Members."

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Journal.—The Journal of the first day was read and approved with slight corrections.

Motion.—Jas. R. Basket moved that the charges against B. F. Deaton be received, which was carried. Dr. C. A. King was appointed by the Bishop as chairman of the select number of nine to proceed with the trial.

Question Eleven.—What members are in studies of the Fourth Year? Answered, Russell T. Pynes, Willis H. Germany, John W. Faulk and J. Allen Webb were called, their character passed, they reported their work; the report of J. A. Webb being made by J. W. Hervey, and on motion in each case, they were advanced from the third to the fourth year.

Question Six.—Who have been continued on trial? (a) In studies of First Year, Daniel Hayes, Sidney W. Edwards, Francisco Zito, Francis G. Watkins. (b) in studies of Second Year, Edward A. Fergerson was, on motion, conditionally advanced to the studies of the Second Year.

Question Seven.—Who have been discontinued? H. A. Maples was discontinued on motion of W. C. Mann.

Remarks.—Bishop Neely made some pointed remarks concerning slackness in some Boards of Examiners in passing on grades of students.

Introductions.—Dr. S. O. Benton, Recording Secretary Board of Foreign Missions was introduced to the Conference and made pertinent remarks concerning the great work of the board.

Question Eight.—Who have been admitted into full membership? Answered, (b) Elected and ordained deacons previously, Judson W. LaGrone, Robert O. McClure, Wm. F. Bolton, Thos. F. Swanson, Francis W. Simpson, Joseph C. Duplantis, Reese R. Smith.

Address.—The address of the Bishop to the class was forceful, emphasizing every practical phase of the life and work of a preacher. The disciplinary questions were propounded by the Bishop, to the class, each of whom gave satisfactory answers.

They were then called, and the character of each being passed, they reported their work and retired. On motion they were unanimously admitted into the Conference, the motion in each case being made by their respective District Superintendents.

Madison A. Farr, Geo. L. Harper, C. L. Elliott and Delos H. Cassells being absent, were continued on trial and in the studies of the Second Year, excepting Delos H. Cassells who was continued in the studies of the Fourth Year.

L. E. Crooks was discontinued on motion of W. C. Mann.

Motion.—H. H. McCain moved an extension of time and it carried.

Introduction.—Dr. Robert Forbes, of Philadelphia, Pa., Corres-

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ponding Secretary Board of Home Mission and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church was introduced and spoke a brief word deferring his address to the evening hour for the anniversary.

Adjournment.—On motion of Jas. R. Basket we were adjourned with the Benediction by Dr. Robert Forbes.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 1910.

Devotion.—Hymn, "Sun of My Soul" was announced and sung, after which prayer was offered by N. H. Oliver.

Address.—The Bishop spoke briefly on "The Reciprocal Relation Between the Pastor and Congregation."

Recess.—On account of the absence of so many members attending to other business, the Conference adjourned for a brief recess.

Session Resumed.—The Secretary being absent, the reading of the journal was deferred for the present.

Address.—Francesco Zito, pastor of the Italian Mission in New Orleans was introduced and gave an address on his work, speaking through Miss Page as interpreter.

Journal.—The Secretary read the journal of yesterday and on motion it was approved.

Question Twelve.—Who have been elected and ordained Deacons? Answered, None.

Question Thirteen.—Who have been elected and ordained Elders? Answered, none.

Question Five.—Who have been received on trial? Answered, James Bret Kenna, Julius H. Beadle, Haughton K. Faulk, Frank J. Ensign.

The reports being favorable from the committee on general qualifications; the Registrar and District Superintendent, they were, on motion of their respective District Superintendents received on trial.

Question Three.—Who have been readmitted? Answered, no one.

Question Four.—Who have been received on credentials and from what churches? Answered, no one.

Introductions.—Dr. Robert Forbes, Corresponding Secretary of Board of Home Missions and Church Extensions was introduced, and gave a practical address on some facts and figures concerning the work of the Board, and also of the work of the Board as related to the Gulf Conference.

Deacons Orders Under the Missionary Rule.—Jas. R. Basket, D. S., moved that Frank J. Ensign and Haughton K. Faulk be ordained Deacon under the Missionary Rule. Jas. W. Hervey, District Sup-

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erintendent, moved that James Bret Kenna and Julius H. Beadle be ordained deacon under the Missionary Rule. In each case the motion was carried.

Question Seventeen.—Who have been located at their own request? Answered, no one.

Question Nineteen.—Who have withdrawn? Answered, no one.

Question Twenty.—Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? Answered, no one.

Introduction.—Dr. Edwin M. Randall, General Secreatry Epworth League was introduced. Dr. Randall gave a helpful and illuminating address on the work of the league.

Question Thirty Two.—Where shall the next Conference be held? Marshall, Tex. and Lake Charles, La., were both put in nomination. The vote being taken, Marshall, Tex., was selected.

Motion.—W. H. Germany moved that an afternoon session be called at 1:30. G. B. Hines moved that 4:30 be substituted for the 1:30, which was carried.

Motion.—R. L. Weldon moved, and it was carried, that the Conference request the Board of Bishops to appoint the session of our Conference to meet on Wednesday instead of Thursday.

Introduction.—Dr. E. C. Clemens, Field Representative Board of Conference Claimants, was introduced and addressed the Conference. Dr. Clemens' address was illuminating on this important work which is so close to the heart of every preacher.

Editing the Journal.—It was moved and carried that the Secretary be authorized to edit the Journal, and that it be made the Official Organ of the Conference.

Resolution.—Resolution on Tithing and Holiness was read by W. H. Germany and adopted. (See report).

Announcements.—Dr. C. A. King and the pastor made announcements.

Adjournment.—G. B. Hines moved and it was carried that we adjourn. The Long Meter Doxology was sung and the Benediction was pronounced by Dr. Randall.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON.

Called to Order.—Bishop Neely called the Conference to order and J. A. Carruth led in prayer

Journal.—The journal of the morning session was read and with minor corrections was approved.

Question Fifteen.—Who have been transferred and to what Conference? Answered, Jas. F. Ragsdale to Southwest Kan. Conference, and J. Allen Webb to St. Louis Conference.

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Question Two.—Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference? Answered, none,

Report.—Dr. C. A. King, Chairman of Select Number of Nine reported charges against B. F. Deaton—Not sustained.

Motion.—It was moved and carried that B. F. Deaton be continued in the Supernumerary relation.

Question Eighteen.—Who have been located? Answered, none.

Question Twenty-One.—Who have been expelled? Answered none.

Question Twenty-Seven.—What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$3349.00.

Question Twenty-Eight.—What are the claims on the Conference Fund? Answered, \$837.

Question Twenty-Nine.—What has been received on Conference Claimants Fund and how has it been applied? Answered, \$619, and applied according to the order of the Conference.

Question Thirty.—What is the amount of the Five Per Cent of Collections for the Conference Claimants' Connectional Fund paid by the Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants? Answered, Eight Dollars.

Motion.—Moved by N. H. Oliver and carried, that John W. Lively be changed from the effective to the Superannuated relation.

Reports.—R. R. Smith read the report on Foreign Missions. Adopted. (See report).

Louis May read the report on American Bible Society. Adopted. (See report).

H. H. McCain read the report on Sabbath observance. Adopted. (See report).

J. W. Lively read the report on Temperance. Adopted. (See report).

T. E. Webb read the report on Freedman's Aid Society. Adopted. (See report).

J. C. Duplantis, read the report on Book Concern and Periodicals. Adopted. (See report).

R. O. McClure read the report on Auditing. Adopted. (See report).

R. O. McClure read the report on Sunday Schools. Adopted. (See report).

Treasurer.—T. E. Webb read the Treasurers report and on motion, it was adopted.

Surplus with Treasurer.—The Treasurer reported a surplus of \$11.60 in fractional monies. Moved and carried that the amount be turned over to the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Stewards.

Question Twenty-Six.—What is the Statistical report for the year? See report. Adopted.

Adjournment.—On motion, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Clemens.

The Journal...Continued

FOURTH DAY—MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1910.

Devotion.—“O, for a Heart to Praise My God,” was sung as the opening hymn. Rev. T. E. Webb conducted the devotional service, reading the 34th division of the Psalms, the prayer being offered by Rev. W. F. Bolton.

Call to Order.—Dr C. A. King called the conference to order in the absence of Bishop Neely.

Reports.—E. R. Houck read the report of the Conference Board of Stewards, which was adopted. (See report).

Resolutions.—A resolution was presented by the Conference Board of Stewards that the sum of \$525 be raised in the conference next year for the support of our Superanuates; and that the District Superintendents be requested to apportion this amount to the several charges. Carried.

Report.—H. H. McCain, secretary of the legal Board of Stewards, read the report of their meeting, which was adopted. (See board).

Remarks.—S. H. Thompson, representing the book concern made brief remarks concerning his business.

Reports.—Committee on Home Misisons and Church Extension submitted their report through E. R. Houck, which was adopted. (See report). The Committee on Epworth League reported through Frank J. Ensign, which was adopted. (See reports).

Remarks.—Louis May spoke briefly in behalf of the Central Christian Advocate.

Change of Conference Boundary.—A resolution was presented concerning change of the boundary of the Gulf and Austin Conferences. Remarks were made by H. H. McCain, J. W. LaGrone, R. T. Pynes, J. W. Lively, T. E. Webb and W. McDaniel. The resolution being put was adopted; and James W. Hervey, J. W. LaGrone and T. E. Webb were appointed. (See resolution).

Change of Date of Conference.—R. L. Weldon presented Resolution to Board of Bishops concerning change of date of meeting of the Conference from December to November. After some remarks an amendment was presented by Louis May that we meet earlier in December, which was accepted and adopted. (See resolution).

The Journal---Continued

Bishop Neely Presiding.—The Bishop here took the chair and presented the Certificate of Ordination to the Secretary.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That on the Eighteenth day of December, Nineteen Hundred and Ten, in the city of Welsh, Louisiana, I ordained as elder, Robert L. Weldon; and as deacons, Franklin J. Ensign, Haughton K. Faulk, James Bret Kenna and Julius H. Beadle, they having been duly elected by the Gulf Conference.

*THOMAS B. NEELEY,
Presiding Bishop.*

Welsh, La., Dec. 19. 1910.

Reports.—R. L. Weldon, the statistician presented his report, which was adopted. (See report).

E. R. Houck presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted. (See report).

R. O. McClure presented the report of the Committee on Education, which was adopted. (See report).

Resolution.—G. B. Hines presented a resolution, extending a vote of thanks to J. W. LaGrone for his faithful labor in behalf of Port Arthur Collegiate Institute, which was adopted. (See resolution).

Report.—Report of Commission on Education was read by Jas. R. Basket and adopted. (See report).

Resolution.—Jas. R. Basket read a resolution concerning a change of title from District Superintendent back to Presiding Elder, which was adopted. (See resolution).

Report.—W. C. Mann read the report of the apportionment committee to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, which was adopted.

Triers of Appeals.—The Bishop announced the appointment of the same as last year. (See boards).

Announcement of Boards.—Jas. R. Basket read the list of Conference Boards which were appointed by the Bishop. (See Boards).

Missionary Appropriations.—Jas. R. Basket read the missionary allowances to the several charges, which were, on motion, approved.

Appointements.—The Bishop announced the following special appointments: W. E. Harrison, professor in Meridian Male College. D. H. Cassells, Conference Evangelist; Francis G. Watkins, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

C. L. Elliott, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Adjournment.—On motion of E. R. Houck it was ordered that after the reading of the Journal and announcement of appointments, the Conference stand adjourned *sine die*.

HY. H. McCAIN, Secretary. THOMAS B. NEELY, Bishop.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

This certifies that the Journal Proceedings, Reports and Resolutions printed herein were made the Official Record of the Eighth Annual Session of the Gulf Conference, held in Welsh, La., December 15-19, 1910.

(Signed) HY. H. McCAIN, Secretary.

Disciplinary Questions

Question One.—Is this Annual Conference Incorporated according to the Requirements of the Discipline? It is.

Question Two.—Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences? No one.

Question Three.—Who have been readmitted? None.

Question Four.—Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches? None

Question Five.—Who have been received on trial? (a) In studies of First Year. James Bret Kenna, Julius H. Beadle, Frank J. Ensign, Haughton K. Faulk.

(b) In studies of Third Year. None.

Question Six.—Who have been continued on trial?

(a) In studies of First Year? Francisco Zito, Francis G. Watkins, Daniel Hayes, Sidney W. Edwards.

(b) In studies of Second Year? Ed A. Fergerson, Madison A. Farr, Cuthbert L. Elliott, George L. Harper.

(c) In studies of Third Year? None.

(d) In studies of Fourth Year? Delos H. Cassells.

Disciplinary Questions---Continued

Question Seven.—Who have been discontinued? Henry A. Mapples, Lindsey E. Crooks.

Question Eight.—Who have been admitted in full membership?

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year. None.

(b) Elected and ordained deacons previously? Francis M. Simpson, Judson W. LaGrone, Wm. F. Bolton, Thos. F. Swanson, Joseph C. Duplantis, Reese R. Smith, Robert O. McClure.

Question Nine.—What members are in studies of Third Year?

(a) Admitted into full membership this year? Francis M. Simpson, Robert O. McClure, Joseph C. Duplantis, Wm. F. Bolton, Judson W. LaGrone, Reese R. Smith, Thomas F. Swanson.

(b) Admitted into full membership previously? None.

Question Ten.—What members are in studies of Fourth Year? Russell T. Pynes, Willis H. Germany, John W. Faulk.

Question Eleven.—What members have completed the Conference Course of Study?

(a) Elected and ordained elders this year? Robert L. Weldon.

(b) Elected and ordained elders previously? None.

Question Twelve.—What others have been elected and ordained deacons?

(a) As local preachers? None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule? Franklin J. Ensign, Haughton K. Faulk, James Bret Kenna, Julius H. Beadle.

(c) Under Seminary Rule? None.

Question Thirteen.—What others have been elected and Ordained Elders?

(a) As local Deacons? None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule? None.

(c) Under Seminary Rule? None.

Question Fourteen.—Was the character of each preacher examined? This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open conference.

Question Fifteen.—Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences? Wm. R. Chase, North Ohio Conference; James F. Ragsdale, to Southwest Kansas Conference; J. Allen Webb, St. Louis Conference.

Question Sixteen.—Who have died? None.

Question Seventeen.—Who have been located at their own request? None.

Question Eighteen.—Who have been located? None.

Question Nineteen.—Who have withdrawn? None.

Question Twenty.—Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.

Question Twenty One.—Who have been expelled? None.

Question Twenty-Two.—What other personal notations should be made? None.

Disciplinary Questions---Continued

Question Twenty-Three.—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?
N. H. Oliver, B. F. Deaton.

Question Twenty-Four.—Who are the Superanuated Preachers?
Julian Woodson, Dr. C. A. King, F. D. Van Volkinburgh, Thomas Wilson, J. W. Lively.

Question Twenty-Five.—Who are the Triers of Appeals? Dr. C. A. King, H. H. McCain, G. B. Hines, W. C. Mann, E. R. Houck, R. L. Weldon.

Question Twenty-Six.—What is the Statistical Report for this year? See Tabulated statement.

Question Twenty-Seven.—What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$3349.00.

Question Twenty-Eight.—What are the claims of the Conference fund? \$837.

Question Twenty-Nine.—What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? \$608. Applied according to order of Conference.

Question Thirty—What is the amount of the Five Per Cent of Collections for the Conference Claimants' Connectional Fund paid by the Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants? Eight Dollars.

Question Thirty-One.—Where are the preachers stationed? See list.

Question Thirty-Two.—Where shall the next Conference be held? Marshall, Tex.

Public Services of the Sessions

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14.

8:30 a. m.-4:00 p. m. Examinations.

7:30 p. m. Song Service led by Rev. W. H. Germany.

8:00 p. m. Address, by Bishop Thomas B. Neely.

9:00 p. m. Informal Reception.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15.

8:30 a. m. Devotioal Service led by Bishop Neely, followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

9:00 a. m. Conference Session.

3:00 p. m. Evangelistic Service by Rev. J. W. LaGrone.

Public Services of the Sessions---Continued

7:30 p. m. Devotional and Song Service.
8:00 p. m. Anniversary of the Board of Foreign Missions, Address by Dr. S. O. Benton.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16.

8:30 p. m. Devotional Service by Rev. N. L. Sayers.
9:00 a. m. Conference Session.
3:00 p. m. Evangelistic Service by Rev. R. R. Smtih.
7:30 p. m. Devotional Service.
8:00 p. m. Anniversary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Dr. C. A. King presiding. Address by Dr. Robert Forbes.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17.

8:30 a. m. Devotional Service.
9:00 a. m. Conference Session.
2:00 p. m. Evangelistic Service by Rev. Quin L. Bennett.
3:00 p. m. Anniversary of the W. H. M. S. Mrs. D. A. Kelly, Conference President, presiding Address by Mrs. E. L. Knostman and Rev. Francisco Zito.
5:00 p. m. Conference Session.
7:30 p. m. Devotional Service.
8:00 p. m. Anniversary of the Board of Conference Claimants, Dr. C. A. King presiding. Address by Dr. E. C. Clemens.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18.

9:00 a. m. Love Feast, led by Dr. C. A. King.
11:00 a. m. Preaching by Bishop Thomas B. Neely.
2:00 p. m. Ordination Service.
3:00 p. m. Anniversary of the Epworth League. Address by Dr. E. M. Randall.
7:30 p. m. Devotional Service.
8:00 p. m. Anniversary of the Board of Sunday Schools. Address by Dr. Edgar Blake.

Public Services of the Sessions--Continued

9:30 p. m. Anniversary of the Board of Education.
Address by Dr. Thomas Nicholson.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19.

8:30 a. m. Devotional Service led by Rev. Thos E. Webb.

9:00 a. m. Conference Session.

10:00 a. m. Address by Bishop Thomas B. Neely and Reading the Appointments.

Anniversary Woman's Home Missionary Society

The Woman's Home Missionary Society held its anniversary meeting Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock; Mrs. D. A. Kelly, Conference President in the chair.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Helen Siling of Lake Charles, La. Rev. Francisco Zito gave a most enthusiastic address on the work among the Italians of that city. Rev. Zito spoke in Italian, Miss Eliza E. Page interpreting. Following Rev. Zito, Mrs. E. L. Knostman of Manhattan, Kan. Bureau Secretary for the Southwest, gave a profitable and interesting address on the general work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The Anniversary Service was followed by a business session of the Conference Organization and the following officers were elected:

President: Mrs. Bertha Bradbury, Welsh, La

Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. S. Arthur Knapp, Lake Charles, La.

Treasurer: Miss Eliza E. Page, New Orleans, La.

Local Preachers

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

NAME.	POSTOFFICE.
Bemont, Wm.	Kinder, La.
DeLord, Oscar	Bayou Chene, La.
DeWitt, G. E.	Elton, La.
Ellis, James (L. D.)	Jennings, La.
Faulk, Henry	Ebenezer, La.
Lormand, F. R.	Phillips Bluff, La.
Malone, Napoleon	Reeves, La.
Roberts, Marshall	Lake Charles, La.
Williams, W. P.	Elton, La.

Local Preachers--Continued

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Palmasano, A.	New Orleans, La., 800 So. Liberty, St.
Fuller, Dr. R. F.	New Orleans, La., 1516 Canal St.
Rose, S. E.	Meridian, Miss., Care Male College.
Wilson, J. F.	New Orleans, La., 623 Thalia St.

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT.

Anders, T. W.	Bolyn, La.
Bruce, G. W. (L. D.)	Provincial, La.
Bennett, W. E.	DeRidder, La.
Bennett, Quin. L.	Hudson, La.
Bolton, Geo. W.	Dry Prong, La.
Eavens, I. N.	Barham, La.
Harper, A. L.	Oakdale, La.
Kane, J. F.	Ravana, Ark.
Matirne, J. A.	Rosedale, La.
Nelson, S. B.	Shamrock, La.
Robinson, F. S.	Leesville, La.
Stevens, J. O.	Natchitoches, La.
Wood, E. G.	Pineville, La.
Walker, J. H.	Pollock, La.
Wynne, A. M.	DeRidder, La.
Young, T. J.	DeRidder, La.

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT.

Armstrong, Titus.	Graceton, Tex.
Bell, B. T.	Hughes Springs, Tex.
Black, J. M.	Hallville, Tex.
Calloway, B. C.	Coffeeevile, Tex.
Campbell, J. T.	Choice, Tex.
Cannon, Jason N.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Denning, J. F.	Troup, Tex.
Ellington H. L.	Center, Tex.
Ellington, J. J.	Center, Tex.
Hill, Z. M.	Lufkin, Tex.
Jones, Hy. E.	Harleton, Tex.
LaGrone, Chas. H.	Deadwood, Tex.
Langley, Davis L.	Beckville, Tex.
Lawhorn, A. L.	Daingerfield, Tex.
McDaniel, W.	Port Arthur, Tex.
Mathews, S. H.	Neuville, Tex.
Petty, S. F.	Harleton, Tex.
Woodall, W. B.	Longview, Tex.
Wright, I. L.	Diball, Tex.
Wright, R. E.	Hortense, Tex.
Wilkinson, C. V.	Lufkin, Tex.

Sunday School Superintendents

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Cline, W. E.	Lake Charles, La.
Cronk, A. J.	Gueydan, La.
Brussard, Dolsie	Sweet Lake, La.
DeLord, Oscar	Bayou Chene, La.
Gillman, John	Jennings, La.
Hallack, Austin	Crowley, La.
Hoffpauir, David	Bell City, La.
King, N. F.	Ebenezer, La.
Malone, J.	Reaves, La.
Monger, Reeder	Elton, La.
Willard, E. C.	Welsh, La.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Kenna, John	Auburn, Miss.
Jarrell, Emmit	Smithdale, Miss.
Cutlip, J. E.	Hammond, La.
Bowman, Sidney	Lutcher, La.
Fuller, Dr. R. T.	1537 Calliope St., New Orleans, La.
Cassells, John F.	Gloster, Miss.
Palmasano, A.	New Orleans, La.

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT.

Dunn, L. A.	Smithland, Tex.
Daniels, Mrs.	Wasey, La.
Grigsby, Fred	Shamrock, La.
Holley, C. C.	DeRidder, La.
Johnson, _____	Ravana, Ark.
Linley, Mrs. B. F.	Oil City, La.
Lee, J. E.	Florien, La.
Lowery, R. C.	Goldonna, La.
Matirne, J. A.	Rosedale, La.
Nichols, Mrs. G.	Rosepine, La.
Pierce, G. R.	Marthaville, La.
Parsons, J. W.	Flora, La.
Register, J. M.	DeQuincey, La.
Richardson, W. B.	Colfax, La.
Sanders, C. C.	Provincial, La.
Shows, N. W.	Lottie, La.
Taylor, J. M.	Leesville, La.
Weldon, D. R.	Marthaville, La.
Waters, T. D.	Neame, La.
Williams, J. O.	Creston, La.

Sunday School Superintendents--Continued

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT.

Abercrombie, J. T.	Legget, Tex.
Baker, J. M.	Coffeeville, Tex.
Bowen, Mrs. Ethel	Colmesniel, Tex.
Burnham, W. T.	Lufkin, Tex.
Collins, Robt.	Hughes Springs, Tex.
Crump, W. S.	Hughes Springs, Tex.
Dickard, F. E.	Hallville, Tex.
Ford, J. D.	Lufkin, Tex.
Forsythe, D. N.	Beckville, Tex.
Fergerson, G. C.	Deadwood, Tex.
Gaskins, E. J.	Rosedale, Tex.
Hooton, J. D.	Hughes Springs, Tex.
Hudspeth, B. A.	Graceton, Tex.
Jones, Wm.	Ashland, Tex.
Lawhorn, A. L.	Daingerfield, Tex.
Longshore, W. T.	Beckville, Tex.
LaGrone, T. H.	Deadwood, Tex.
Mann, Mrs. Alice	Colmesniel, Tex.
Marsh, F. E.	Marshall, Tex.
McCready, Wm.	Woodville, Tex.
Morgan, A. M.	Iris, Tex.
Morris, Mrs. Emma	Winnboro, Tex.
Oney, W. T.	Harleton, Tex.
Priest, J. T.	Chester, Tex.
Quarles, J. R.	Jenkins, Tex.
Sheires, J. W.	Atlanta, Tex.
Still, R. G.	Overton, Tex.
Tinney, H. W.	Winnboro, Tex.
Tyler, J. F.	Joaquin, Tex.
Woodson, Rev. Julian	Jefferson, Tex.

Appointments of Gulf Conference 1910-1911

SOUTHERN DISTRICT,

Jas. R. Basket, District Superintendent.

P. O. Lake Charles, La.

Bayou Chene	.....	To be Supplied
Crowley	.....	Louis May
Ebenezer	.....	Emile Savoie
Estherwood	.....	John W. Faulk
Elton	.....	Geo. L. Harper
DeQuincey	.....	Daniel Hayes
Kinder	.....	N. L. Sayers
Bell City	.....	Wm. Hebert
Cameron	.....	To be Supplied
Evangeline	.....	To be Supplied
Jennings	.....	E. R. Houck
Lake Charles	.....	H. H. McCain
Iowa	.....	J. T. Pointer
Welsh	.....	T. E. Webb

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Geo. B. Hines, District Superintendent.

P. O. New Orleans, 1537 Calliope St.

Auburn and Smithdale	.....	C. C. Beasley
Gloster	.....	Haughton Faulk
Gloster Circuit	.....	To be Supplied
Hammond	.....	J. E. Scott
Lutcher	.....	R. O. McClure
New Orleans—		
French Mission	.....	J. C. Duplantis
Italian Mission	.....	F. Zito
St. Charles Ave.	.....	G. B. Hines

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT.

W. C. Mann, District Superintendent.

P. O. 1519 Division Ave., Shreveport, La.

Alexandria	.....	W. E. Bennett
Creston	.....	To be Supplied
DeRidder	.....	T. F. Swanson
Dry Prong	.....	Geo. W. Bolton
Leesville	.....	F. S. Robinson
Livonia	.....	J. H. Beadle
Magda	.....	E. G. Wood
Marthaville	.....	M. A. Farr
Oakdale	.....	A. L. Harper

Appointments of Gulf Conference 1910-1911--Continued

Orange	To be Supplied
Provincial	S. B. Nelson
Quitman	Quin L. Bennett
Shreveport	E. A. Fergerson
Vivian	Wm. F. Bolton

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT.

Jas. W. Hervey, District Superintendent.

P. O. Hughes Springs, Texas.

Angelina	C. V. Wilkinson
Atlanta	R. T. Pynes
Beaumont	To be Supplied
Beckville	J. W. Lively
Center and Neuville	J. B. Kenna
Coffeyville	B. C. Calloway
Hughes Springs	B. T. Bell
Jasper	To be Supplied
Kirbyville and Sillsbe	To be Supplied
Longstreet and Deadwood	C. H. LaGrone
LaPorte	F. J. Ensign
Marshall	R. L. Weldon
Nacogdoches	To be Supplied
Noonday and Harleton	F. M. Simpson
Overton and Jefferson	W. H. Germany
Polk	R. E. Wright
Port Arthur	J. W. LaGrone
Sabine	To be Supplied
Shelbyville	J. B. Kenna
Texas City	J. A. Carruth
Winnsboro	To be Supplied
Woodville	R. R. Smith

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

W. E. Harrison, Professor in Meridian Male College, Member Gloster Quarterly Conference.

D. H. Cassells, Conference Evangelist, Member Gloster Quarterly Conference.

Francis G. Watkins, left without appointment to attend one of our schools, Member Lake Charles Quarterly Conference.

C. L. Elloitt, left without appointment to attend one of our schools, Member Vivian Quarterly Conference.

Our Dead.

“These all died in the Faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.”

WALTER ZIMMERMAN,

IRA N. PARDEE,

P. C. CHANEY,

JOHN T. JAMES,

Plan of Examination.

No.	Examiner	Admission	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year
1	Basket, J. R.	Blaikie.....		Price	Neely	Essay.....
2	Carruth, J. A	Wesley.....	Montgomery.		Terry.....	
3	Hervey, J. W.	Hill & Swinton.		Essay		Butler.....
4	Hines, G. B. ..	Discipline	Sermon.		Ladd	
5	Houck, E. R.	Sermon....		Green	Hurst, I....	Hurst, II..
6	McCain, H. H.	Fitchett ...	Sheldon	Sheldon		
7	Mann, W. C ..		Kern		Fisher I. II	Fisher, III
8	Webb, T. E....	Banks.....		Jevon	Sermon....	Fisher
9	R. L. Weldon	Elm-English....	Kirkpatrick ..			Seth.....

RULES OF EXAMINATION

I. List of Questions shall be prepared by each Examiner, endorsed with the title of the text book, name and address of the Examiner and sent to the Registrar for filing.

II. Each Examiner shall retain one copy of his own Questions.

III. Each Examiner shall send all grades promptly to Registrar.

IV. If student wants his grade he shall enclose with his paper a self addressed and stamped envelope.

V. The attention of all students is called to paragraph 63, Section 1 and 3, Page 49 Discipline 1908.

VI. Each student is required to give a written statement to the Registrar that he has read the books required in the course of study.

VII. All essays and sermons must be in the hands of the Examiners thirty days before Conference.

VIII. There shall be no "Special Examinations" except in cases of emergency, and then only by a member of the Board delegated by the chairman.

IX. There shall be two mid-year examinations during the year. One in the spring and one at the time and place of the respective District Ministerial Associations, at which time students shall be required to bring up a portion of the course of study. The other one in the fall, in a location convenient to the students. These Examinations shall be under the personal supervision of some member of the Board delegated by the Chairman.

T. E. WEBB, Registrar,
Welsh, La.

W. C. MANN, Chairman,
1519 Division St.
Shreveport, La.

Missionary Appropriations

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

District	\$356.00
Bayou Chene	100.00
Crowley	205.00
Elton	60.00
Kinder	50.00
DeQuincey	65.00
Iowa	65.00
Bell City	60.00
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Total	\$961.00

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

District	\$150.00
Gloster	100.00
Gloster Circuit	50.00
St. Charles Ave.	300.00
St. Charles Ave. French Work	200.00
New Orleans Italian Mission	600.00
New Orleans French Mission	500.00
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Total	\$1900.00

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT.

District	\$460.00
Dry Prong	100.00
Livonia	150.00
Magda	150.00
Marthaville	100.00
Oakdale and Longleaf	44.00
Orange	100.00
Provincial	80.00
Quitman	150.00
Vivian	100.00
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Total	\$1434.00

Missionary Appropriations--Continued

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT.

District	.....	\$375.00
Angelina	.....	65.00
Atlanta	.....	200.00
Beckville	.....	80.00
Coffeeville	.....	60.00
Hughes Springs	.....	120.00
Laporte	.....	120.00
Longstreet and Deadwood	.....	60.00
Noonday and Harleton	.....	80.00
Overton and Jefferson	125.00
Polk	60.00
Shelbyville	80.00
Texas City	200.00
Woodville	80.00
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Total	\$1705.00

* *Board of Stewards*

RECEIPTS.

"Annuity Fund."

Book Concern Dividend	\$245.00
Chartered Fund Dividend	25.00
Part of Collections as Ordered	12.00
Annual Conference Funds	36.00
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Total	\$318.00

DISTRIBUTION.

F. D. VanVolkinburgh	\$ 40.00
C. A. King	180.00
Julien Wodson	36.00
J. W. Lively	52.00
Mrs. John T. James	10.00
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Total	\$318.00

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“SPECIAL FUND.”

Dividend of the Connectional Fund	\$150.00
Part of Collections as Ordered	140.00
Special Gifts or Bequests	11.00
Total.....	\$301.00

DISTRIBUTION.

F. D. VanVolkinburgh	\$ 48.00
Julian Woodson	113.00
Mrs. John T. James	140.00
Total.....	\$301.00

The full legal Annuity Claim is \$10.60 per year. The amount of Annuity paid is \$4.00 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. C. A. KING,
E. R. HOUCK,
W. C. MANN,
HY. H. McCAIN,
GEO. B. HINES,
J. W. HERVEY,
JAS. R. BASKET,

Conference Board of Stewards.

Reports of District Superintendents

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

In bringing you this, my first, report as District Superintendent, and servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, “Elect according to the fore knowledge of God, the Father in sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the Blood of Jesus Christ, grace to you and peace be multiplied.” As such and in the name of Jesus whom I serve daily, do I salute you.

TERRITORY.

My district is one of magnificent distances, requiring over seventeen hundred miles to make each round. To make the entire round upon the district, I have traveled over seven thousand miles. More than sixty of these have been by horse and carriage and about two hundred by boat. The district is a composite unit. That is to

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say it was formed out of two districts. One part from the Marshall district and the other part from the original New Orleans district. The first was served last year by Bro. E. R. Houck, and the other by Bro. J. W. Hervey. I desire to thank these brethren for the faithful work which I found they had accomplished. I have three appointments in Texas, and whatever else may be said of Texas they do things over there. Other points will soon be entered in this part of the territory and all will become strong appointments. Texas City and Port Arthur are destined to become great and flourishing cities. For several years Louisiana has not received her portion of money investment, but there is a change now and Northern Capitalists are coming here. During this year thousands of acres of swamp lands have changed hands and now some of this land which was bought for a trifle is valued at \$60.00 per acre. My territory covers one of the garden spots of the southland. Our people from the north are making inquiries about our church down here and we must be ready for them when they come or the church will suffer a great loss in membership.

CONDITIONS.

This district has been passing through one of the severest financial stringencies which has been its portion for many years. Following the panic there has been a depreciation of rice—the principal crop of this entire section—and many of our people have lost heavily. The result has been, that many of our preachers were inadequately supported and this has caused an unrest among them. This depression will be felt in all the departments of the church. Some of our best works have suffered from an exit of our people and because of this we will not make as good showing as we should under normal conditions.

Some of our appointments were left to be supplied. Supplies who were secured left about the middle of the year and I have been unable to get others for the charges. Two of my preachers left for other conferences and their places were not filled. It has been impossible for me to find men who would take these appointments with the small salaries available. This has made it impossible for us to make as good a showing as we hoped in the beginning.

PEOPLE.

We have within the bounds of the Southern District people from almost everywhere. Some are from the northern states, some from the old country and some of them are indigenous to the soil. Of this native population a large number of them are French people, descendants from the Acadian which were transferred here from Acadia after King George's War. They do not speak the pure French, but a corruption known as "Cajan." Many of them are Catholics, but they are open to the gospel. They have been neglected by their church until in the remote places many of them

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are living together unmarried. They are eager and earnest listeners to the truth and when once converted, they become the most zealous followers of Jesus. There is one whole parish of these French people, raised in the Catholic church and yet in this parish there is not one Protestant and but one Catholic Church which only has services twice a month. These people are calling for us. It would seem that we should go to them.

REVIVALS.

There has been no general revival on my district during the year. This has been the occasion of great grief to me. The spiritual indifference, in some places has amounted almost to desuetude. There is a need of a revival of our old time methods—methods which have proven to be great incentives to religious activity. Prayer meetings should be better attended, class meetings revived and Love Feasts established. However, some of our churches have had revivals. I have personally held six for that many churches. During these meetings about 150 have been either converted, reclaimed or sanctified.

HINDRANCES.

I have indicated that we have been oppressed with a scarcity of preachers. Some we have had were unequal to meet the demands of the place. We are opposed by some of the churches, as being out of our territory and consequently, we meet opposition where we should expect help. Many of our churches have few in number and are weak financially, but they love God and the church and we must help them until they are able to help themselves. I have also discovered the want of a self-sacrificing spirit both on the part of the people and the preachers. I confess I discovered it in my own heart and hardly knew what it really costs to be an itinerant Methodist preacher until I was placed on the district. As preachers, we want prominent places and good salaries, and as people we want big and eloquent preachers with small salaries. These conditions should not be.

PROGRESS.

You have anticipated our growth by our hindrances. One hundred thirty-six have joined our church within my district during the year by letter or upon confession of faith. We have lost six by death and eighty-three have moved away. Making a total or net gain of only forty-seven. This is better than I expected when I saw there was no revival spirit among us. Why we have not had such an evangelistic movement among us, I am not able to say. The fact humbles me. We have one new church in process of building which will cost fourteen hundred dollars; one new one which is near completion and one in repair and finishing which has been on the standstill for years. One parsonage has been

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built at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars. These, with some minor improvements, will constitute the increase in value of property for the year. There are some churches which must be built during the coming year and also some parsonages.

OUR SCHOOL.

I am hopeful that our Committee on Education will give us an encouraging report of their work and tell us of something tangible for us. It is enough to say, that we must have a college or some high grade of school work among us if we would hold our young people for our church.

OUR MISSION.

We are "To preach good tidings unto the meek;" To seek out the lost, the oppressed and the forsaken and to bear a sympathetic message of the Blessed Christ to the great un-churched masses of people about us. We are to preach and maintain the great Biblical truths which have made Methodism the world-wide religious movement of today, viz: the new birth or the regeneration of the sinful souls of men, preceded by a deep and thorough going repentance; the witness of the Holy Spirit to the heart of the believer that his sins have been pardoned and the sanctification of believers whereby the soul is cleansed from all the power and guilt of sin and is enabled to love God with its power, with all its strength and its neighbor as itself. We also have a mission to make Methodist Episcopalians of the highest type. There is a new south which believes that all sectionalism must be buried with the rubbish of the past, and that we should love, rather than hate and therefore want a home with us. We cannot afford to close our ears to their call. Open doors are awaiting us and our embarrassment is the want of men and money for the open doors.

OUR NEEDS AND OUTLOOK.

Our needs are measured by our outlook. We wish we could get our people where our church is strong, to feel the need of our people when they come south so that they would bring their church letters and church pride with them and join us in establishing our Methodism over these lands. Methodism loses thousands to her membership because of this condition of affairs. Sympathy and co-operation with us from the church at large is one of our greatest needs. The outlook for our work was never brighter than now, if we will stand by the teachings of our fathers. And now, at the close of the year, there seems to be the spirit of a revival just beginning to appear, small as it may seem, but I believe it is the beginning of a revival which shall spread over our entire conference. The walls are beginning to crumble and the Captain of the Lord of Host is with us. Scriptural Holiness must be spread

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over these lands until the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ, even until he shall appear in the clouds with his Glory, even so Lord Jesus. Come quickly!

JAMES R. BASKET, District Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT OF NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

This year's experience as pastor at St. Charles Avenue, and Superintendent of the New Orleans District, has more thoroughly confirmed my faith, in the Gulf Conference, as a child of God's providence.

Mr. Wesley said that if God had not raised up a host of witnesses to testify to the truth that he had preached, he would feel that his preaching was not of God. With equal confidence we can say, if God had not raised up a host of loyal preachers and thousands of sacrificing laymen, who believe in a God-ordained destiny of the Gulf Conference, we would have doubted its divine origin and mission.

In the early years of our Holston Conference in Tennessee, its future looked so gloomy on account of its troubles within and foes without, that many doubted the wisdom of its existence; but a few faithful preachers who loved God and the old Methodist Episcopal Church more than ease and the praise of men, were given a vision which has resulted in one of the strong Conferences of Methodism.

I glory in being numbered among the first members of the Gulf Conference who are fully persuaded that God has a divine mission for the men preaching a Methodist Gospel in this particular field and have not felt for one moment that any apology was needed for our presence in this territory. God is blessing our labors which is proof that we are needed among the people.

The New Orleans District includes seven appointments; Auburn, Gloster, Gloster Circuit, Hammond, Lutcher, St. Charles Avenue, and the Italian Mission in New Orleans. Our charges in the country have been crippled on account of the Boll Weevil as they are located in the cotton belt. The people have had very little money, but fortunately, they were previously warned by our government officials and other sections of the country in time to raise enough food for man and beast to carry them through the winter. While some of our pastors have had very little money, they have had plenty to eat, and have been cheerful and happy over the fact that they were permitted to labor among the people as preachers in the Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In many respects New Orleans District has had a good year. Our Italian work in New Orleans is making splendid progress. Through the faithful efforts of Bishop Neely, he secured from a friend of his in New York, a donation of \$2500, worth of concrete stone with which we expect to build a chapel on our lot at the corner of Esplanade and Chartres. Large crowds attend the preaching and Sabbath School, and the prayer meeting and night school are both growing in interest.

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Rev. Frank Zito, our pastor of the Mission, has a home missionary spirit and is doing a good work among the 50,000 Italians in New Orleans.

Rev. J. C. Duplantis has done a faithful year's work at Lutcher. He has held a revival, has a splendid Sunday School and has presented all the interests of the church.

Rev. D. H. Cassells, on account of sickness in his family, in the early part of the year, could not move to Hammond, and as the appointment would not justify his going to and from the work, he filled appointments and held revivals near his home, while Rev. J. E. Scott has preached in Hammond during the remainder of the year.

Rev. H. E. Copeland, who was at Auburn, Miss., transferred to Missouri in August and Rev. C. C. Beasley, one of our splendid local preachers, has supplied the work in his stead.

Rev. C. V. Wilkinson has held several revivals on Gloster Circuit and has taken several members and one preacher into our church.

Gloster Station has been supplied by the local preachers of the charge and the congregation authorized the District Superintendent to say to the Bishop, that if he could send them a preacher with a family, they would build him a nice new parsonage.

St. Charles Avenue has been filled by the Superintendent of the District and has made some progress. A splendid Epworth League has been organized, our prayer meetings are largely attended, preaching at Lee Circle has been kept up every evening during the year, \$100 was added to the pastor's salary and nearly \$300 benevolence was raised.

The people everywhere are calling for our preachers, young men are inquiring about our work, the future looks bright, and there is daylight everywhere. God is surely blessing the Gulf Conference.

G. B. HINES, District Superintendent.

REPORT NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT.

To the Rev. Bishop Thomas B. Neely and members of the Gulf Conference: Dear Brethren: As your District Superintendent of North Louisiana District, I submit the following report. We have had a good year; we have had substantial gains on every charge, and two new charges have been organized. During the year we have completed our church at Bulah, free of debt; we have built a new church at Ravana, and at Hico we have bought a church. We have secured church lots at Livonia, Lottie, Goldonna, Weavers, Orange and Leesville. We have in bank three hundred dollars to build at Lottie and part of the money with which to build at Goldonna.

God has given us a revival on every charge in our district. Hundreds have been converted, reclaimed or sanctified at our altars. The gain in membership has been good and our Sunday Schools show a like increase. Salaries of pastors have been increased, also that of the District Superintendent. Our benevolences, will

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show a like increase. As I review the years work, I can see cause for nothing but gratitude. Wherever I have gone, kindness and hospitality have been accorded me for this I thank God and the good people.

TERRITORY.

This district embraces all of the northern portion of the State of Louisiana. Within the bounds of this district, there is some of the richest land in the south, yielding annually large crops of corn, cotton, sugar cane and alfalfa. We have also some of the finest timber of the south, with numerous sawmills which give employment to thousands of men. There are some twenty railroads operating within our bounds, six rivers flow through our borders and prospers towns and cities abound.

OUR WORK.

We work among the English and French speaking people, the greater part being among the English, however, we are not neglecting the French. In some places within our district, there are people who never have seen or heard a protestant preacher. It is our happy privilege to carry them the true gospel of Christ. On some of our charges, we are the only protestant people in the borders and prosperous towns and cities abound.

ALEXANDRIA.

Alexandria was left to be supplied, and inasmuch as we had no organization nor money with which to work the town, we haven't undertaken work there this year. Alexandria is the parish seat of Rapides parish and is a rapidly growing town of 18,000 population. West Alexandria has a population of 9,000 with no protestant preaching except an Episcopal mission. We have no organization in this large and rapidly growing town; but we have a few members. Our need is money with which to build a place of worship and support a pastor for one year. There is not a better opening within the bounds of our conference for a great work, if we can only secure the money to enter it before it is too late.

CRESTON.

Rev. L. E. Crooks, pastor. This charge has four preaching appointments, one church building, and land with part of the money in hand to build at Goldonna. We have one hundred ten members, two Sunday schools. This is a promising work in a very needy field. We are the only Methodists in this territory.

DERIDDER.

Rev. W. E. Bennett supply. DeRidder is a station with church property valued at \$2700.00. We have ninety-two members with good prayer meeting, Sunday school, Epworth League and Ladies Aid Society. Rev. W. E. Bennett resigned the pastorate of the charge in September, and the work was supplied by Rev. L. J. McCain, who has done good service. We have a good work at this point.

DEQUINCEY.

Rev. H. A. Maples, pastor. This charge has two preaching appointments, one church building, fifty-one members, two Sunday

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schools with one hundred members and two prayermeetings. We are the only Methodists on this charge. Rev. H. A. Maples resigned the pastorate of this charge in September and the work was supplied by Rev. A. L. Harper who has done good faithful work.

DRY PRONG.

Rev. Geo. W. Bolton, supply. This charge has three preaching appointments, one church building, ninety-one members, two Sunday Schools and good prayer meetings. Here we are the only Methodists in the country.

HUDSON MISSION.

Rev. Quinn L. Bennett, supply. During the year we have organized a new charge called Quitman, with two classes, 50 members, one church building, two Sunday schools and two good prayer meetings. This work promises well.

LIVONIA.

Rev. John W. Faulk, pastor. This charge is in a French Catholic country. On this charge we have one church building, two lots at Livonia, one at Lottie and one at Erwinville. We also have \$300.00 in bank with which to build at Lottie. We have thirty-nine members and two Sunday schools. This is a very promising work. The whole country is open to us. Rev. John W. Faulk resigned the pastorate of this charge in August and the work was supplied by Rev. E. G. Wood who has done good service.

MADGA.

Rev. Geo. W. Bolton, supply. Madga is on the L. R. & N. Railway in a French Catholic country. We are the only Methodist in this country. Here we have a small class with church building and parsonage. We have a fine opening on this road, five places which we expect to enter next year are ready to receive us.

MARTHAVILLE.

Rev. M. A. Farr, pastor. This charge has three preaching appointments, ninety-four members, three Sunday schools with one hundred members, and three good prayer meetings. Rev. M. A. Farr resigned the pastorate of this charge on account of ill health in May, and Rev. Geo. L. Harper was appointed pastor. Brother Harper is a good man and has done good work.

ORANGE.

Rev. William F. Bolton, pastor. This charge has six preaching appointments, one church building one hundred twenty seven members, four Sunday schools, good prayer meetings and one Ladies Aid Society. This work is growing and promises well. We have four places within the bounds of this circuit which want our preaching and we must enter them and in order to do this, it is necessary to divide the work, forming two charges. Leesville and Orange.

PROVENCAL.

This charge was supplied by Rev. M. A. Farr of Marthaville charge, who was assisted by Revs. E. G. Wood and S. B. Nelson,

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two local preachers. Here we have four preaching appointments, sixty members, one Sunday school and two prayer meetings. Rev. M. A. Farr resigned his pastorate in May and Rev. Geo. L. Harper was appointed pastor. With the help of the local preachers, good work has been done.

SHREVEPORT.

Rev. E. A. Fergerson, pastor. This, as the Conference understands, is a nominal appointment. I have gone over the work carefully and all things considered, it did not seem an opportune time to begin work in Shreveport this year.

VIVIAN.

Rev. Thomas F. Swanson, pastor. This charge has six preaching appointments, two churches with parsonage, ninety-six members, two Sunday schools and good prayer meetings. Vivian is growing rapidly and our outlook is good.

WINNFIELD.

Rev. J. W. Lively, pastor. This is a prospective work. We have no membership here. Winnfield is a good growing town and we hope to be able to enter it in the near future.

A WORD PERSONAL.

I have traveled 10,600 miles, preached 258 sermons and have had the pleasure of seeing 202 people converted or sanctified in my meetings. The work has been pleasant, the brethren helpful, faithful and considerate and God has been most gracious to me in all of my work. May the God of all Grace continue His blessings upon us.

Fraternally,

W. G. MANN.

REPORT OF EAST TEXAS DISTRICT.

Dear Bishop and Brethren of the Gulf Conference: It is my great pleasure to submit the following annual report of the East Texas District. Before entering into the details of the report, I feel it my duty to gratefully acknowledge the bountiful blessings of God. He has provided for us abundantly in temporal and in spiritual things.

We have had the longest drought we've had for twenty years, but the people have lived and no famine has come. We have been busy and happy.

The new name given this district by Bishop Neely indicates very clearly the territory occupied by us. We have had four quarterly conferences on each charge, which occasioned the traveling of 10,000 miles by rail 1,000 miles by private conveyance.

We are the beginning of an annual conference in East Texas. We have the people and more are coming. Our natural resources are abundant. We have large areas of timber land both pine and hardwood. We have coal mines and iron ore; also oil and the finest of fruit. Our soil produces every variety of crops. Our climate is the very best. This is God's country. It is the place for health, plenty and a long life.

Geological traces do not prove this to be an old country, but it

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is rapidly developing into the most desirable portion of the new south. It is my country. I love her "My Country 'Tis of Thee," applies here admirably. Throughout the district I have seen the footprints of my predecessors; Brothers King, Lively, McCain and Houck. These are all good men and they have wrought well, shaping and moulding the character of the work and establishing Methodism and the Gospel up and down the hills and valleys, in town and country. The work has been pleasant.

The association with men who love God and the church and for this love have given up all else has blessed and encouraged me. There is a spirit of progress among our people. Many have climbed the mount of vision—others are climbing—where the future of our church is bright and glorious. In the main our people are becoming more settled, more christlike and more methodistic. The establishment of our great church from being a mere faith, hope and prophecy has become an actuality. So the permanency of the church has encouraged our members and others who were before fearful are coming now to their own. Ours is the most revivalistic church in East Texas. On every charge successful revivals have been held. In the majority of cases our pastors have been their own evangelists.

A conservative estimate of the member saved is 1,000 and of course each church derived spiritual blessing which abides. The importance of formal organization is impressing our people more and more. Consequently the church in all departments of activity is becoming more ideal. Prayer meetings, class meetings and love-feasts have not been displaced by something more modern. It has not been practiceable to organize and maintain chapters of the Epworth League in many places.

Numerically we have advanced. We have licensed three local preachers and one exhorter, making a total of twenty local preachers all of whom are good men and actively engaged in christian service. We have lost one local preacher by death and several important laymen have gone to their reward during the year.

I have brought recommendations for the admission on trial of two young men who have supplied charges on the district this year.

We can report an increase of four hundred fifteen full members and twenty probationers with a net gain of three hundred seventy-five. Besides several who were saved in our revivals joined other churches.

The benevolences have received our attention and have been presented by the pastors, but I fear that the reports will show deficits in some cases because of drought conditions which have obtained throughout the year. Regular and systematic giving is beginning to be observed more than ever which means the solution of all our financial problems. Materially our progress is very marked. We have dedicated three churches and now have five more ready for dedication. Several church lots have been secured at strategic points, where we expect to build in the near future. Our property value for churches alone is \$35,700.00, showing an increase of \$7,775.00. We have seven parsonages valued at

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\$4,950.00. Improvements on parsonages have been made to the amount of \$475. No new parsonages have been built this year. We are not contracting any new debts without a good probability of paying, we have been able to pay some on our old indebtedness during the year.

To speak briefly and more in detail concerning each charge, allow me, please, these words: Angelina circuit—J. Brett Kenna, pastor. Very successful year's work. Souls have been saved and additions made to the church. Salaries and benevolences paid in full. Due to the generosity of that big-souled layman, J. D. Ford, two new lots have been added to the church.

Atlanta and Jefferson, Russell T. Pynes, pastor. This is Brother Pynes' second year on this charge. He has served it very acceptably. Souls have been blessed and added to the church. Sunday schools and prayer meetings are in operation. Salaries paid and benevolences met. Owing to the love which Mrs. Green of Atlanta has for the church and its doctrines, she has given ten thousand dollars for the erection of a modern church building in that city.

At Beckville, F. M. Simpson closes his second year successfully. Salaries paid and benevolences presented. Church at Beckville completely renovated inside which gives us a nice comfortable place to worship. Parsonage has been improved.

Hughes Springs, B. T. Bell, pastor. Very successful year's work. Owing to the wise leadership of the pastor revivals have been held at each church and over one hundred additions resulted to our church, which means a doubling of the membership. We have lost by death, five of our best laymen from this charge. Brothers Hussey and Cheatham of Daingerfield, and Brothers Hooton, McDonald and Upchurch of Hughes Springs. A new church at Iron Bluff is nearing completion. Its value will be one thousand dollars. Salaries and benevolences have been provided for.

Longstreet circuit has three appointments, one of which has been added this year. Through the faithful revivalistic efforts of the pastor, Chas. H. LaGrone, the membership on this charge has been doubled. About one hundred twenty-five being added. We have on hand seven hundred dollars in good subscription with which to build a church at Deadwood, the central point on this circuit. A new class has been organized in the Flat Woods with a membership of ninety. The charge will double the pastor's salary next year, and they want Bro. LaGrone returned.

Marshall, Robt. L. Weldon, pastor. He is closing his second year with victory and the demand is universal for his return. A perennial revival has prevailed throughout the year. The church is thoroughly organized and is very active. There is a steady growth along all lines. The Ladies Aid Society of which Mrs. J. W. Lively is president is demolishing the parsonage debt. The Epworth League has purchased a fine piano for the church and fitted up the League room. Marshall went dry this year. A victory long prayed for. All financial obligations have been met.

Noonday and Coffeeville circuit, W. Hugh Germany, the active, aggressive, and zealous pastor has accomplished a splendid year's

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work. There are five appointments in a circuit of forty miles. With "Jim and the buggy" the pastor has traveled twenty-five hundred miles. Souls have been saved and added to the church. Two churches already built have been dedicated this year, and two new ones have been completed, which will be dedicated soon. The benevolences have been presented and collected. On this charge we have five active local preachers. The great church is loved by our people.

Overton, Russell T. Pynes has supplied this point in connection with the Atlanta and Jefferson charge. We have no finer opportunity than at Overton. Owing to the generalship of the pastor a nice fifteen hundred dollar church has been completed free of debt, and is now ready for dedication. The pastor's salary was doubled and the aggressive people want their church to be at least a half station next year. The year's work is entirely satisfactory.

Polk circuit, Julius H. Beadle, pastor. Bro. Beadle was a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church, south, but came to us in the spring. He has labored faithfully, and not in vain. Souls have been saved and several additions made to the church. Brother Beadle will be admitted on trial at this session of conference.

Shelbyville, R. R. Smith, closes his second year and added to the church. Benevolences presented and salaries all paid. Some material improvement has been made. Brother Smith is successful.

Winnsboro was left to be supplied which I did with Ben. C. Calloway. We have had the greatest success in some respects than for many years before. Several souls saved and thirty additions to our church. A debt on Morris' Grove church was paid and it was dedicated. One hundred dollars was paid on parsonage debt.

Woodville, J. Allen Webb, pastor. Brother Webb did a fine work, completing a fine church building at Woodville, valued at twenty-five hundred dollars. On account of failing health he was compelled to leave his charge for higher altitude. The latter part of the year was supplied by Daniel Hayes. The year closes well.

In conclusion, Bishop and Brethren, let me say, you have heard of what we now possess on the district. Will you please indulge a prophecy? We are the nucleus of an annual conference. We hold more in prospective and in present opportunity than we now have in actuality. Thousands are coming to the south and many of them are Methodists and naturally will inquire for their church. We are here to receive them.

Bishop, we are not discouraged. Hope rises, faith leaps and grasps the promises. The church inspires and urges us onward. God calls. The need is great. It demands immediate action. We march to victory.

With the clear vision of a yet brighter day and with glad anticipation of its dawn. With love and prayer for all the faithful co-laborers and with love and reverence to you, Bishop. I very respectfully submit this report. JAS. W. HERVEY, Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas in the providence of God the Gulf Conference has been permitted to meet in Annual Session in the city of Welsh, La., and our stay been made so pleasant that the charge of ingratitude would lay against us if we gave no expression to same, therefore, be it

Resolved; in the wise and brotherly administration of the affairs of the Conference we found a prudent and helpful instructor in Bishop Thomas, B. Neely, and in his address to the class to be admitted to membership in the Conference we were made to feel the importance of our calling. In the address of Dr. Forbes we were delightfully entertained and instructed concerning Home Mission and Church Extension; and so with the address of Dr. Benton of the Foreign Mission Board. The Genial Brother Thompson of The Advocate Journal gave us some entertaining talks for which we thank him.

We have to thank Dr. Clemens for his able presentation of the subject of Conference Claimants. He made us feel that we have not been as faithful to this worthy cause as we should have been, but we promised to do our best for the future.

The work of Woman's Home Mission was well presented by Mrs. E. L. Knotsman, we acknowledge our appreciation of her presence among us, and the address of Brother Zito in Italian translated by Sister Page convinced us that our work among the Italians was not in vain.

Dr. Randall's address on Epworth League work opened to us possibilities in this part of church work. Dr. Blake's address on Sunday School work gave us a helpful outlook for Sunday Schools and we look forward to the promised institute with pleasure. After listening to Dr. Nicholson on education, we are sure that it will not be long until we have among us an institution of learning of which we will be proud. We express our deep gratitude to each of these brothers. To the people of Welsh we will say that we carry away only pleasant memories of the homes in which we have been entertained. To the Rev. John Angel Carruth we feel we owe a debt of gratitude for providing such delightful entertainment.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. HOUCK, Chairman.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, that we express our appreciation of the presence and addresses of the several connectional officers of our church: viz.

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Dr. Stephen O. Benton, Board of Foreign Missions; Rr. Dobert Forbes, Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; Dr. E. C. Clemens of the Board of Conference Claimants; Dr. Edgar Blake of the Board of Sunday Schools; Dr. Thomas Nicholson of the Board of Education; Dr. E. M. Randall of the Epworth League; and to Bishop Thomas B. Neely for his unfailing and diligent service in the interest of our Conference in the church at large and for his faithful services with Dr. Nicholson in the matter of securing an educational institution in the bounds of our Conference.

Be it further resolved, that these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Conference.

E. R. HOUCK, Chairman.

RESOLUTION ON TITHING AND HOLINESS.

Whereas, At our last session of our Conference, we adopted a Resolution on "Tithing and Holiness," Therefore be it

Resolved, That we adhere to both of these Resolutions.

Second, that our Secretary be instructed to re-publish them in our Conference Journal of the present session

WILLIS H. GERMANY.

HOLINESS.

Introduced by James R. Basket.

Whereas, Our Discipline says: "In 1729 two young men in England, reading the Bible saw they could not be saved without holiness, followed after it and incited others to do so. In 1737 they saw, likewise, that men are justified before they are sanctified," and

Whereas, All our books on doctrine in our course of study for young preachers teach this Bible truth of entire sanctification clearly and emphatically; and

Whereas, "Our Church is the only Church in history from Apostolic times until now that has put forward as its very elemental thought, the great all-pervading central idea of the whole Book of God from the beginning to the end, the holiness of the human hearts, soul, mind and will;" and

Whereas, Our church has always been loyal to this grand Doctrinism of Methodism; Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Gulf Conference in session at Welsh, La., that we affirm our faith and confidence in the Methodist Episcopal Church in her loyalty to the doctrine of holiness and in her attitude toward those seeking the higher life; and be it further

Resolved, That we invite the co-operation of all those who love the Church and hold this truth in wisdom to unite with us in spreading Scriptural Holiness over these lands.

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TITHING.

Whereas, We believe that the Word of God, the Old Testament, plainly teaches that one tenth of our income belongs to the Lord, and nowhere in the New Testament can there be found anything contrary to this teaching that would indicate a less amount, and

Whereas, Our Discipline also teaches the duty of tithing as scriptural (paragraph 70); and

Whereas, The pressing needs of our Church, here and elsewhere, are such we feel that this should be the least proportionate of our giving; Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Gulf Conference in session at Welsh, La., that we endorse and adopt the tithe method of giving unto the Lord, as our financial plan of systematic giving.

Second. That we join ourselves together in a league, pledging ourselves to appropriate this tithe first to the financial obligations of our respective charges until all such obligations shall have been fully met.

Third. That we will begin a campaign on the tithe method among our people and will seek to organize tithing bands in all of our Churches.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT.

Whereas, Our last General Conference changed the title without changing the office of the Presiding Elder, to District Superintendent, and,

Whereas, The same name is used by Incorporations and Trust companies and thereby confusing the people, and,

Whereas, As one of the great evangelical churches, we have won some of our greatest victories while using the title of Presiding Elder, and,

Whereas, the old title, Presiding Elder is a household word with our people and the new title has not been accepted by the people and neither has it been adopted, Therefore be it

Resolved, By the Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, assembled in session at Welsh, La.

First, That we memorialize the next General Conference which meets in 1912, to restore us our household word in the place of District Superintendent;

Second, That the Secretary be ordered to send a copy of these Resolutions to each of our Advocates and to the Methodist Review and request their publication.

JAMES R. BASKET.

CHURCH PERIODICALS.

Whereas, We view with regret the tendency in our membership to supplant our church literature by secular periodicals having

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no claims on us and bringing no instruction concerning the polity and genius of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and,

Whereas, we believe the Normal Methodist Episcopalian is not only a listener, but also a reader of religious matter, therefore be it,

Resolved, First, that we make a special effort to increase the circulation of the Central Christian Advocate, The Methodist Advocate-Journal, The Epworth Herald, and The Methodist Review, endeavoring to give our people a broader perspective of our vast connection.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, Rev. J. W. LaGrone has performed faithful and sacrificing service in the interest of our Conference School, Therefore, be it,

Resolved, That we as a Conference express to him our sincere thanks.

G. B. HINES.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the boundary of the Gulf and Austin Annual Conferences from the city of Navasota, Tex., South to the Gulf of Mexico is awkward in its relation to both Conferences to properly serve, and

Whereas, South Houston is in the bounds of the Gulf Conference; and

Whereas, our contiguous work at LaPorte and Texas City would make it easy for the administration of the contiguous work of the Austin Conference at Houston Heights and Alvin, by the Gulf Conference, Therefore be it,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed at this Conference to confer with a like Committee of the Austin Conference looking to a change of the boundary as follows: From the Gulf of Mexico North following the Brazos River to the city of Navasoto, then north to Red River as at present. J. W. Hervey, J. W. LaGrone and T. E. Webb were appointed as the Committee.

J. W. LAGRONE.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the present date of the meeting of our Annual Conference is in mid-winter, embracing the probability of the worst weather in this climate; and,

Whereas, the date coming so late in December as to embarrass some of the brethren in changing in the midst of the holidays; and,

Whereas, the churches that entertain the Conference are often embarrassed to secure entertainment because of the nearness to the holidays, Therefore, be it,

Resolved, That we respectfully represent these facts to our Board of Bishops, that they may if possible put the session of our Conference earlier in December, the first week being preferred.

R. L. WELDON.

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SUPPORT OF VETERANS.

WHEREAS, THE SUPPORT OF OUR SUPERANUATES IS ALTOGETHER INADEQUATE; AND, WHEREAS, WE COULD RAISE MORE IF WE PUT FORTH THE EFFORT, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, THAT OUR CONFERENCE RAISE THE SUM OF \$525 THE COMING YEAR FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS; AND THAT THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS BE REQUESTED TO APPORTION THE ABOVE SUM TO THE SEVERAL CHARGES; AND THEN OBSERVE THE DISCIPLINARY REQUIREMENTS AS TO ITS COLLECTION.

DR. C. A. KING,
HY. H. McCAIN,
E. R. HOUCK,
JAS. R. BASKET.

REPORTS

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

We recognize and appreciate the place and importance of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension in our church.

We believe the Methodist Episcopal Church to be the largest factor of any religious denomination in the evangelization of the world. The surest and quickest way to evangelize the world is to first save America for Christ. This is the slogan of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension—"America for Christ!"

This board is reaching out its hand to the millions of foreigners who are coming to our shores, sending to them the gospel and churches in which they may be gathered for the worship of God. The battle cry of the Gulf Conference is this: "Southland for Christ!" We have faith in the future of this conference and believe that with the continued sympathy and financial assistance of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension our faith shall become a reality. We greatly appreciate the visit of Dr. Forbes, Corresponding Secretary Board of Home Missions and Church Extensions to our Conference and his personal brethren.

This conference paid to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension last year \$1050.00. We received from the board \$7,300, or \$7.30 for every dollar paid. We urge the brethren of the conference and our laymen to larger contributions to this great cause.

E. R. HOUCK, Chairman.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We live in an age of missionary achievement. The opening years of the new century are epochal in their missinoary character. We note with profound gratitude to God that the Methodist Epis- copal Church is filling a conspicuous place in the battle line, and is an acknowledged participant in the large victories being won.

Are we doing our best? No doubt an answer in the affirmative would be somewhat embarrassing to us. Our forefathers prayed that doors would be opened to our Christian religion. Their prayers have been answered—the doors are opened. Its up to us to enter. To delay means loss. No doubt we have the men and the means to do more in the work of foreign missions than is being done, if all was thoroughly consecrated to be used of the Lord as He will.

Whereas, all advancement in christian work depends so largely on the missionary spirit, we, your committee, recommend:

First—That the pastors instruct their committee on Foreign Missions, so that they with them may become great factors in circulating such literature as shall enlighten and educate the people on this important subject, and assist in further awakening the church to the duty that rests upon it.

Second—A new standard of giving, viz, that our people contribute to benevolences, home and foreign, as to their own church budget.

Third—That the Layman's movement be endorsed, and an aux- illiary branch be formed in each Annual Conference.

Fourth—That in each Conference an Annual Board of Foreign Missions be organized.

We recommend the above legislation and pledge our best en- deavor wherever practiceable, to bring our people up to the new standard of giving and a willing co-operation with our Conference Board and the Laymen's Organization in any plan that they may have for our Conference. Submitted,

HY. H. M'CAIN, Chairman.

R. R. SMITH

J. W. FAULK

EDUCATION.

The increasing number of worthy young men assisted annually in obtaining an education makes us justly proud of the Board of Education of our church. In this day of vigor the Christian worker needs more than ever a mental depth and broader vision of things in their proper relationship.

We urge upon our pastors a thorough knowledge of the work of this Board that they may be able to present intelligently and ef- fectively to our young membership the opportunity extended.

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We are indeed glad to have Dr. Nicholson, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education with us, and to note his manifest interest in our work. We feel that his advice has been wholesome.

While the final adjustments are not yet at the stage where public announcement can be made, we are grateful to know that in all probability we shall see the Port Arthur Collegiate Institute opened during the coming year under the general direction of our Board of Education in New York. When it does begin its work, we as pastors pledge ourselves to use our utmost endeavor to secure students and money for the institution and to aid it in every possible way. In accordance with the plan of the Board of Education, we request the District Superintendents to apportion to our charges 25c a member as the regular public educational collection in each charge; the amount to be divided between our own institution and the Board in New York in the proportion of 80 per cent to Port Arthur Collegiate Institute and 20 per cent to the New York office. In case the conference school does not open during the year the whole amount shall go to the Board of Education until such time as our own school opens.

We nominate J. W. LaGrone, G. B. Hines and J. W. Hervey, a committee to co-operate with Secretary Nicholson and to represent the Conference during the current year in all educational matters.

We urge our preachers to try to get the Christian Student published by the Board of Education into the hands of the leading laymen.

The Children's Day Fund has aided over 2000 young people to make their way through school the past year. Several members of our Conference have been aided by it. We pledge ourselves to observe Children's Day in June, to faithfully present this loan fund to our Sunday schools and to forward the collections to New York. We congratulate Secretary Nicholson on the general excellence of the Children's Day programs and urge all our pastors to use the program published by our own Board.

R. O. McCLURE, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON CONFERENCE SCHOOL.

Your Commission consisting of J. R. Basket, G. B. Hines, W. C. Mann, J. W. Hervey, J. W. LaGrone, E. R. Houck, W. E. Cline and J. F. Cassells, have given assiduous attention to the work committed to their care during the year. On March 24th, 1910, Dr. Thomas Nicholson, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education spent the entire day at a meeting in Lake Charles, discussing every phase of the subject with the Commission. He then proceeded with J. W. LaGrone to Port Arthur, where he had an interview with Mr. J. W. Gates. Again, in May Dr. Nicholson spent most of two days at the Ministerial Institute at Lake Charles and went over the whole

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subject with the Commission. It was decided that J. W. LaGrone should be employed to give a part of his time to a canvass of the Conference territory in the interest of a school for the Conference; the Board of Education assuming the necessary expense. He faithfully performed his work. Much correspondence has been conducted and Secretary Nicholson and the Board in New York have given earnest attention to the matter for which we tender our sincere thanks. During the past thirty days negotiations of a highly satisfactory character have been in progress but we are not ready to make any further public announcement at this time. Our recommendations for the coming year are embodied in the report of the committee on Education. JAMES R. BASKET, Chairman.

FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

It is often asked, what shall be done with the colored people of our country? Some would pass the question by without notice, but no church can afford such an attitude toward so grave a question. It is not only a question confronting the church and state but a problem which awaits our solution.

We heartily endorse and recommend the work of the Freedman's Aid Society as a builder of institutions for the education of the colored race. We further advise that the preachers of the Gulf Conference thoroughly inform themselves as to the work of this society and then impart this knowledge to their several congregations.

THOS E. WEBB. Chairman
R. T. PYNES,
C. A. KING.

BOOK CONCERN AND PERIODICALS.

The Gulf Conference believes that a representative Methodist Episcopalian is a reader of good literature; that a progressive itinerant is a disseminator of good reading matter; that the development of the church depends largely upon the emphasis placed upon reading books conducive to Spirituality and to religious activity. We also believe that the business management of the Book Concern and the large dividend which goes annually toward the support of the Superannuates should secure from our people their undivided patronage. Therefore, we urge the pastors to present to the people the purpose and method of our Book Concern.

Our periodicals also furnish a certain kind and degree of information, giving our membership a perspective which we deem necessary and the lack of which has handicapped our work. We desire therefore that at least one of our church periodicals be taken in every Methodist Episcopal home in the Gulf Conference.

J. C. DUPLANTIS, Chairman.

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AUDITING.

We find on examining the records submitted to us that all the money received by the Treasurer from the Board of Home Mission and Church Extension has been checked and duly accounted for except \$12.50. One check of \$12.50 has been given but has not been paid. Also an examination of the Secretary's book shows that he has paid out \$10.00 more than has been collected by him.

R. O. McCLURE, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

From the beginning of Methodism in America our church has stood for the betterment of our people, nation and government. The constant uplift of our millions, the care, culture and training of head, heart and hand of our people has been our mission and ministry.

Like a withering blight and like a gnawing cancer, the whiskey traffic has burned into our nation's core and sapped our moral and civic life. All along through the din of battle the voice of our church has been heard against this traffic; and every other form of human slavery.

It is true in the "Sunny South" the wave of prohibition has swept and is still sweeping. Whole states and broad areas have gone dry. It is a wonder how rapid the minds of the people are falling in with this great moral upheaval. Even Kentucky, the home of the "Worm of the Still" has lifted up her voice and demands the death of the monster. Only three counties remain wet; and even Bourbon County is as dry as a bone.

In the area covered by our Gulf Conference this prohibition wave prevails; and in every nook and corner of our territory this protest against the saloon is stirring our citizenship. It goes without saying that our church, Conference, ministers and people are solid in this movement.

Therefore, be it Resolved, by this Conference, that we press this battle until the drink demon be dead, dead, dead.

J. W. LIVELY, Chairman.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

The Gulf Conference is glad to know of the forward action of our great church in the matter of a better care of our veterans. We look with delight and relief on the wise steps taken by the General Conference of 1908 and join in the sincere hope that these plans may be so perfected as to present the best provision for them.

We take great pleasure in and gratitude for the interest and work of Dr. J. B. Hingeley, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board and commend to our preachers and people this excellent work of Dr. Hingeley. This work should receive the earnest attention of our people; and full opportunity should be given our laymen

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to learn of and contribute to this cause. The plan for an endowment fund is a sane one. Our young Conference has much to gain from this splendid move.

We are glad to have Dr. Clemens with us and are grateful to him for his words and work among us.

J. W. LIVELY, Chairman.

PEACE COMMISSION.

As servants of Him, whose coming to this world was hailed by angels, singing: "On Earth Peace" and as we find that our proper place is in their ranks, who strive toward such disarmament, that "every battle of the warrior" shall be ceased forever, we propose:

Resolved One.—That we acknowledge and sympathize with the movement that endeavors to have all international conflicts and differences settled by arbitration.

Resolved Two.—That we earnestly disapprove and deplore that so enormous sums are required and paid every year for the Armies and Navies in the world.

Resolved Three.—That we request parents and educators in general so to teach the young, that they may get a true comprehension of this matter and be convinced how abominable it is to shed the blood of men.

Resolved Four.—That we also express our delight in, and our loud praise of the noble generosity of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, by which it has been possible to erect a worthy palace for the Hague tribunal.

J. W. LIVELY,
LOUIS MAY,
J. C. DUPLANTIS.

A CHRISTIAN FOURTH OF JULY.

The birthday of a Christian nation of more than ninety millions deserves a worthy celebration. The present method of celebrating is almost barbarous, not to say heathenish. It seems to be going from bad to worse—noise and confusion of all sorts all the night preceding, and more noise and confusion all through the day and evening. It may well be asked, "Are we, as a people, losing our heads? Is real, genuine patriotism a thing of the past? Have we no care that the young should be reminded of the great facts of our history, of the priceless cost of our institutions, of the peril involved in frivolity, of the duty of each to know the full significance of the times in which we live?"

We need, we must have, a reform in the method of observing our nation's birthday. Is it not possible for Christian people, for all good people, to unite in consecrating this day to the promotion of the temperance reform? There never was a time when there was more need of reforming and encouraging a right moral sentiment in regard to the sale and use of intoxicants than now. We

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are coming to find that no law, however good and beneficial, can be enforced unless it is supported by the moral sentiment of a considerable majority of the people. How shall the moral sentiment be secured to that laws may be enacted and executed for the suppression of the saloon? Certainly by training our young people to be total abstainers, and also to be the relentless enemies of the saloon.

Why, then, should we not set apart the Fourth of July to instruct all our people, and especially our children and youth, in lessons of Christian patriotism? Why not show them that the most dreadful enemy of our homes and our native land is the saloon? Why not use all suitable means to enlist them for life in the supreme effort to destroy the saloon?

Resolved, That so far as practicable we will make a special effort to have our congregations and Sunday-Schools observe the Fourth of July each year as a day consecrated to the promotion of the temperance reform and universal International Peace; that we will especially seek to interest our children and young people in this movement; that, with songs, music, speeches and various services in our churches, public halls, or groves, we will strive to promote the proper and Christian celebration of the Birthday of the Nation; and finally that we invite the co-operation of all religious bodies, temperance organizations, Young People's Societies of whatever name, and all churches, Sunday Schools, church Brotherhoods, pastors, patriots and philanthropists, in this EFFORT TO SAVE OUR NATION FROM THE CURSE OF DRINK, AND THE WORLD FROM THE CURSE OF WAR.

The question may be asked: How shall the day be celebrated? We advise every preacher who reads this resolution to preach on the Sunday next preceding the Fourth of July the most masterly sermon possible on the importance of properly observing the day, and in showing that the present all important duty is to train our people so that ere many years they will sweep the saloon out of existence. Then on the Fourth, as the Resolution suggests, why not resort to our churches, or to pleasure groves, and with songs, and short speeches, with abundant refreshments and good music, have a grand temperance celebration of the day? We especially urge our pastors, Sunday School superintendents and Epworth League officials to combine in this most commendable movement. Let us rescue our Fourth of July from the reign of frivolity and waste, and make it a "holiday" to be utilized for the cultivation of NOBLE CHRISTIAN PATRIOTISM, AND WORLD-WIDE PEACE.

J. W. LIVELY,
LOUIS MAY,
J. C. DUPLANTIS.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Inasmuch as a very large per cent. of our church membership come through the doors of the Sunday Schools, we, therefore, heartily recommend that each pastor give time and attention to the work of Sunday Schools. We further recommend that the plan, and requirements of the Discipline be fully carried out as to the organization of Sunday Schools; also that each pastor make special effort to secure a greater interest on the part of parents in Sunday School work; and that our literature be used. We thank Dr. Blake for his presence and heartening words.

R. O. McClure, Chairman.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Recognizing the fact that the American Bible Society is a great institution, and is doing much good by the publication and spreading the Holy Scriptures over many lands. Be it therefore resolved; That, we, as pastors of the various charges, do all in our power to get this worthy cause before our people, by speaking of the Society and by taking collections for the same.

LOUIS MAY, Chairman.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

We desire to recommend our conviction, first, that the Sabbath is divinely instituted; second, that the obligation for its observance rests upon all; third, that for this day of rest there is an absolute demand by man's physical nature; fourth, that when the Sabbath is ignored there can be no deep spirituality.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we regret the increasing tendency of large corporations and public works to disregard the Sabbath; second, that we strive by precept, example and by our ministry to promote a higher regard for the Lord's day among the people whom we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

HY. H. McCAIN, Chairman.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Since it has been said that the Sunday School is to the church what the Primary Department is to the higher grades, it can well be said that the Epworth League is to the Church what the high school or academy is to the college. In other words the League is a preparatory department—made up with young people in course of training to later become laborers in the Lord's Vineyard.

With grateful hearts do we look up to their organization within the Methodist Episcopal Church. As a result of Christian association and the training our young people receive in the League they are added to the church, devoted to the cause of Christ and made stalwart christians. Many of our workers and ministers of the gospel of today receive much of their training within the League.

We rejoice because of the good reports we receive from the few

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chapters in the Gulf Conference, but we are pained to learn that the league is not represented on every charge in the Conference.

We would urge upon the pastors to take it upon themselves to see to it that whenever there are young people, a league be organized. Let us have our social meetings, Bible and Mission study classes that our young people may be well informed and zealous, and keep them in touch with the League work abroad by having an Epworth Herald in the home of every League member.

We are greatly in need of greater co-operation among the chapter and we would urge that we have District and Sub-District Rallies at intervals during the year, and at least one convention annually to include all the chapters in the Gulf Conference,

Resolved, that we extend a vote of thanks to Doctor Randall for his interest in the promulgation of the League work, and especially do we thank him for the cheering and thrilling addresses during the Conference.

FRANK J. ENSIGN, Chairman.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

NAME	BORN	Entered Ministry		Cons'd. Bishop	RESIDENCE
		Conference	Yr.		
Thomas Bowman	July 15 1817	Baltimore	.....	1839	1872
Hy. W. Warren..	Jan. 4 1831	New England	.....	1855	1880
John M. Walden	Feb. 11 1831	Cincinnati	.....	1858	1884
W. F. Mallien..	Dec. 11 1828	New England	.....	1858	1884
John. H. Vincent	Feb. 23 1832	New Jersey	.....	1852	1888
Barl. Cranston..	June 27 1840	Ohio	.....	1860	1900
David H. Moore.	Sept. 4 1837	Ohio	.....	1867	1896
J. W. Hamilton..	Mar. 18 1845	Pittsburg	.....	1856	1900
Joseph F. Berry.	May 13 1850	Detroit	.....	1874	1904
Wm. McDowell..	Feb. 4 1850	North Ohio	.....	1882	1904
J. W. Bashford..	May 25 1849	New England	.....	1883	1904
William Burt...	Oct. 22 1852	East New York.	.....	1881	1904
Luther B. Wilson	1856	Baltimore	.....	1878	1904
Thomas B. Neely	1841	Philadelphia	.....	1865	1904
W. F. Anderson	Apr. 26 1860	New York	.....	1887	1908
John L. Nuelson	Jan. 19 1867	West Germany	.....	1888	1908
Wilson S. Lewis.	July 17 1857	Upper Iowa	.....	1884	1908
E. W. Hughes..	Dec. 7 1866	Iowa	.....	1886	1908
Robert McIntyre	Nov. 20 1851	Illinois	.....	1878	1908
Wm. A. Qualye..	June 26 1861	Kansas	.....	1886	1908
Chas. W. Smith..	1840	Pittsburg	.....	1859	1908
F. M. Bristol...	Jan. 4 1851				1908
MISSIONARY BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.					
Thoburn, J. N..	Mar. 7 1836	Pittsburg	.....	1858	1888
Harizzell, Jos. C..	June 1 1842	Illinois	.....	1867	1896
Warne, F. W....	Dec. 31 1854	Ontario	.....	1874	1900
Scott, I. B.	Sep. 30 1854	Tennessee	.....	1880	1904
Oldham, Wm. F.	Dec. 15 1850	Michigan	.....	1883	1904
Robinson, J. E..	1894	South Indiana	1874	1904
Harris, M. C....	July 9 1846	Japan	1873	1904
				Seoul, Korea.

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NAME OF CHARGES	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOLS		EDGARWORTH LEAGUES		CHURCH PROPERTY	
	BAPT'M.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	BAPT'M.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS	BAPT'M.	EDGARWORTH LEAGUES	PROBABLE VALUE.	PRESENT INDEBTEDNESS ON CHURCH PROPERTY.
Bayou Chene	25	200	1	1	28	2	4	1400
Bell City	60	91	1	1	6	1	600	15
Chenevez	184	2	1	12	1	24	150	30
Elton	8	86	3	1	8	65	800	650
Evangeline	40	2	1	1	14	45	500	140
Estherwood	2	65	1	1	8	67	1000	272
Iowa and Fenton	2	205	3	4	1	23	3500	40
Jennings	5	146	1	1	26	253	1	150
Kinder	29	146	1	1	15	98	1	150
Lake Charles	5	35	1	1	20	68	1	150
La Porte	32	20	1	1	2	18	31	150
Oakdale	6	67	1	1	3	90	25	30
Port Arthur	6	56	2	1	1	14	27	50
Texas City	3	99	1	1	5	45	1	77
Vermilion	3	99	1	1	14	45	1	77
Welsh	147	1372	1512	66	13	242211921	8249	275
Total	1147	1372	1512	66	13	242211921	42500	2667

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LIST OF NAMES OF CHARGES.

Statistics No. 3, Southern District, Gulf Conference, for 1910.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT		CURRENt EXPENSES	
		CLAIMS		RECEIPTS	
		Salary	House Rent	Salary	House Rent
Bayou Chene	N. L. Sayers	137	137	212	212
Bell City	W. B. Hebert	70	470	350	100
Crowley	Louis May	400	100	250	300
Ebenezer	J. F. Ragsdale	400	400	400	100
Elton	F. W. Denton	400	400	360	360
Evangeline	J. W. Faulk	157	157	162	157
Iowa and Fenton	R. O. McCture	650	72	72	565
Jennings	E. R. Houck	1200	250	1200	250
Kinder	F. G. Watkins	1200	300	1200	300
Lake Charles	H. H. McCain	1200	300	1200	300
LaPorte	F. J. Ensign	250	300	200	300
Oakdale	J. J. Bowman	250	250	200	200
Port Arthur	J. W. LaGrone	900	240	900	240
Texas City	T. E. Webb	600	300	600	300
Vermillion	J. A. Carruth	800	120	800	120
Weish		7300	1552	8752	7181
Total		240||	8668||	1487||	1133||
		240||	89||	772||	757||
		240||	68||	70||	70||
		240	780	1316	1316
		240	9525	9525	9525
		240	770	770	770
		240	780	780	780
		240	2096	2096	2096

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NAMES OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS (DISCIPLINARY)						OTHER BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS															
	Board of Foreign Miss'ns	Board of Home Missions and Ch. Extension	Board of Education	Board of Conference Claimants	Board of S. S.	Woman's Home Missionary Society	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	(c) Special Gifts	(a) Church—General Education	(b) Sunday Schools	(c) Special Gifts	(a) Church	(b) Sunday Schools	(c) Special Gifts	(a) Cash	(b) Supplies.	Total Benevolent Collections.	General Conference Expenses	Central Office Expenses	of Edworth LeaRge	Grand Total.
Bayou Chene	6	6	10	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	1	1	35	
Bell City	5	2	12	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	1	1	15	
Crowley	10	2	23	2	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	1	1	30	
Ebenezer	23	2	10	2	2	5	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	1	1	63	
Eton	10	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	1	1	32	
Evangeline	33	10	33	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	94	1	1	95	
Iowa and Fenton	5	7	283	67	15	15	1	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	32	1	1	33		
Jennings	158	67	15	84	16	8	10	8	24	12	8	6	1	1	1	1	650	1	1	656		
Kinder	60	16	18	7	5	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	292	1	1	301		
Lake Charles	17	8	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	71	1	1	74	
La. Porte	15	13	80	40	13	10	10	6	4	9	3	2	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	11		
Oakdale	17	13	80	34	13	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	197	1	1	199		
Port Arthur	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	51	1	1	52	
Texas City	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	
Vermilion	50	26	60	53	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	269	1	1	273	
Welsh	50	26	60	53	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	273	
Total	407	152	155	617	143	143	517	17	144	36	62	23	26	23	21	78	1833	27	27	1869		

Statistics No. 1, New Orleans District, Gulf Conference, for 1910

NAME OF CHARGES	Church Membership	Bapt'm.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS	EPWORTH LEAGUES	CHURCH PROPERTY		
					No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.
Auburn & Smithdale	3	282	9	1	3	17	156
Gloster Circuit	10	50	4	1	2	10	150
Gloster Circuit	8	78	2	2	1	25	27
Hammond & Natalbany	4	41	1	3	1	7	60
Lutcher	3	20	..	4	..	..	105
New Orleans	4	120	2	1	6	15	195
St. Charles Ave.	6	60	1	1	2	6	45
First Italian	6	119	6	25	30	10	68
Total	38	651	6	25	37	2	738
					10	10	64600
						3	6800
						3035	700
							8000

Present indebtedness on Church Property.

Paid on old indebtedness.

Probable Value.

No. of Parsonages.

Probable Value.

No. of Churches.

No. of Members.

No. of Junior Chapters.

No. of Senior Chapters.

No. of Members.

No. of Officers and Teachers.

No. of Schools.

No. of Adults Baptized.

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Statistics No. 2, New Orleans District, Gulf Conference, for 1910

LIST OF NAMES OF CHARGES.

Statistics No. 3, New Orleans District, Gulf Conference, for 1910.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT				Total	CURRENT EXPENSES		
		CLAIMS		RECEIPTS					
		Salary	House Rent	Salary	House Rent				
Auburn & Smithdale	H. E. Copeland	505	75	580	379	75	454	126	
Gloster Circuit	C. V. Wilkinson	75	75	50	50	75	50	50	
Ham'd & Natalbany	J. E. Scott	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	
Lutcher	J. C. Duplantis	600	100	700	600	100	700	600	
New Orleans	G. B. Hines	500	240	500	240	740	500	240	
St. Charles Ave.	G. Francisco Zito	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	
Total		1680	655	2335	1754	415	2169	126	
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Statistics No. 4, New Orleans District, Gulf Conference, for 1910.

NAMES OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS (DISCIPLINARY)						OTHER BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS						
	MISSIONS.	Board of Home Missions and Ch. Extension	Board of Education	Board of S. S.	Board of Conference Claimants	Woman's Home Missionary Society	(a) Cash	(b) Supplies.	Total Disciplinary Collections.	Local Educational Interests.	Total Benevolent Collections.	Central Office Expenses of Department	Grand Total.
Auburn and Smithdale	16	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	16	16	16	16	16
Gloster Circuit	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35	49	49	49	49
Hammond and Natalbany	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	8	8	8	8
Lutcher	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
New Orleans	95	61	75	75	6	6	6	6	95	10	10	10	10
St. Charles Ave.	95	61	75	75	6	6	6	6	95	2	2	2	2
First Italian	155	61	86	51	9	5	16	6	155	269	269	269	269
Total	155	61	86	51	9	5	16	6	3	10	367	367	370

Statistics No. 1, North Louisiana District, Gulf Conference, for 1910.

NAME OF CHARGES	Church Membership	Bapt'm.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS	EPWORTH LEAGUES	CHURCH PROPERTY	
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.
Alexandria	110	1	2	56	1	400
Creston	92	3	4	100	1	2700
DeRidder	51	2	1	8	1	2000
DeQuincy	3	45	2	3	1	1000
Dry Frong	6	32	1	2	6	600
Livonia	6	43	2	3	12	300
Magdalene	1	118	2	6	100	1000
Mariaville	1	126	1	10	14	1000
Orange	1	54	2	1	24	300
Provincial	1	54	2	10	1	1000
Ravanna	1	54	2	10	1	1000
Shreveport	1	95	1	2	6	3000
Vivian	1	50	1	4	3	1
Quitman	12	816	14	7	37	43
Total	12	816	14	7	21	92
				780	1	31
					16	12200
					2	10000
					583	1062
						1195

Statistics No. 2, North Louisiana District, Gulf Conference, for 1910.

LIST OF NAMES OF CHARGES.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		NAMES OF CHARGES.		COLL. FOR BOARD OF S. S.	
No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades, not including Cradle Roll and Home Department.	No. of Members in the Home Department.	No. of Children in the Cradle Roll.	Total enrollment in all Departments, but not Cradle Rolls and Home Dept't.
					including Clergymen, Officers and Teachers, who are members in Home Dept't, but not Officers and Teachers.
					No. of Officers and Teachers who are members in Home Dept't, whether attendants or members in Probationers.
					No. of members of Sunday Schools converted during the year.
					Current expenses: Lesson Leaves.
					(a) Church.
					(b) Sunday Schools.

Statistics No. 3, North Louisiana District, Gulf Conference, for 1910.

Statistics No. 4, North Louisiana District, Gulf Conference, for 1910.

Statistics No. 1, East Texas District, Gulf Conference, for 1910.

Statistics No. 2, East Texas District, Gulf Conference, for 1910.

LIST OF NAMES OF CHARGES.

Statistics No. 3, East Texas District, Gulf Conference, for 1910.

Statistics No. 4, East Texas District, Gulf Conference, for 1910.

NAMES OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS (DISCIPLINARY)						OTHER BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS						
	MISSIONS.	Board of Foreign Miss'ns	Board of Home Missions and Ch. Extension	Board of Education	Board of S. S.	Board of Conference Claimants	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Women's Foreign Missionary Society	Local Educational Interests.	Total Benevolent Collections.	General Conference Expenses.	Central Office Expenses of Empworth League.	Grand Total.
Angelina	15	20	16	2	2	2	2	2	32	14	8	15	635
Atlanta and Jefferson	30	40	3	1	1	1	1	1	12	77	41	1	80
Beckville	5	10	15	2	2	2	2	2	107	107	12	12	112
Hughes Springs	45	45	15	15	1	1	2	2	122	122	5	5	124
Longstreet	45	36	36	15	15	1	3	3	155	155	2	2	159
Marshall	36	2	2	2	2	1	4	3	87	87	7	7	96
Noonday and Coffeeville	2	20	35	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	8	8	108
Overton	2	2	35	2	2	2	2	2	5	5	1	1	5
Polk	2	2	35	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	3
Shelbyville	2	2	35	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	1	1	5
Winnishoro	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Woodville	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Total	206	17	45	211	18	12	1	4	9	32	14	7	653

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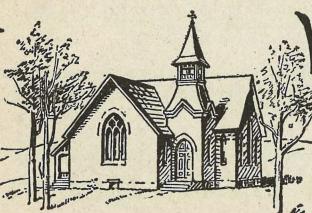
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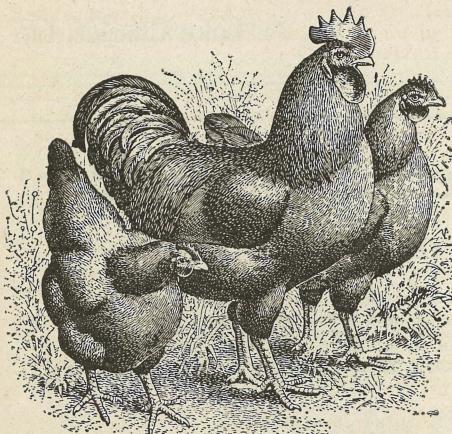
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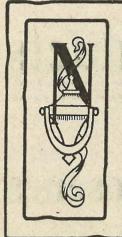
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